

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *Wperts*

FROM : L. B. Nichols

DATE: July 19, 1954

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SUBJECT: ~~AVAILABILITY OF ALL TOUR LEADERS FOR~~
 AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION WEEK BEGINNING
 AUGUST 30, 1954

The American Legion is holding its National Convention in Washington, D. C. from Monday, August 30 thru Thursday, September 2, 1954. This is the first time that the American Legion National Convention has been held in Washington and the estimated attendance has been set at approximately 150,000 Legionnaires. The Legion parade is scheduled to begin at 2:30 PM on Tuesday, August 31, and will continue for about 8 hours. President Eisenhower's office has indicated to the American Legion that Federal employees will be dismissed about 1:00 or 2:00 PM on August 31 to attend the parade.

We anticipate the greatest number of visitors that the FBI tour facilities have ever had, during the week that the American Legion is in town. In this regard it is deemed essential that all qualified tour leaders be made available for tour duty on a 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM shift from Monday, August 30th thru Friday, September 3rd and that leave and working schedules be so adjusted.

The following is the list of qualified tour leaders whose services are essential for this assignment:

RECORDS AND COMMUNICATIONS DIVISIONRecords Section

Kinsey, Richard
 Fitzpatrick, Edward
 Rhyne, Louis
 Underhill, Arthur
 Creamer, John
 Grindberg, Arnold

Enlow, Lyle
 McHale, John
 Furrer, Joseph
 Terry, Howard
 Lauer, Clyde
 Bagley, Richard

cc - SAC Laughlin, WFO
 Mr. Tamm
 Mr. Rosen
 Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Parsons
 Mr. Mohr
 Mr. Waikart
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Childs, Preston
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Beale, John
Wood, Rulon Kent
Eure, William
Morris, Donald
Smith, Mason
Johnson, Douglas
Mall, James
Solis, Arnold

Kennedy, Frank
Hurd, Richard
McFadden, Edward
Koch, Kenneth
Stiteler, William
Myers, L. Merle
Mosel, Arland
Benedict, James
Patton, Kenneth
Smith, Harold

Crime Records

Kane, William
Sade, John

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Short, James

Communications

Humphries, James
Maruca, James
Stroman, Edwin

LABORATORY DIVISION

Davis, Charles
Ruckman, Robert

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

Hammond, William
Lounsberry, Darrel

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

Curran, Henry 677
Hughes, George 2160
Mathew, Warren
Smith, O. Eugene

INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Horner, George

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Bedard, Normand
Payne, F. X.
Hutchings, Robert
Lazzari, Gino
Costin, John
Berberian, George
Frauson, Francis

Christiansen, Harold
Buteau, Laurier
Lemmler, John
Dacus, Avery
Franklin, Howard
McCarthy, John
Billings, Carter

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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION (continued)

Stames, Nick
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App, Leo
Yarnell, Samuel
Ashland, Roger

Morrison, William
Hendricks, Clayton
McCloskey, James
Dellinger, William
Chory, Edward

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Mr. Tolson

8/3/54

The Executives Conference

AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE NATIONAL CONVENTION
WASHINGTON, D. C.
WEEK OF AUGUST 29, 1954

In connection with the forthcoming National Convention of the American Legion, which is scheduled to be held in Washington during the week August 29, 1954, it can be anticipated that the large number of delegates attending, and the attendant publicity will cause an influx of racketeers, prostitutes, confidence men and other members of the criminal element.

In order that the Bureau will be fully cognizant of developments of interest and promptly advised of all Federal violations in our jurisdiction which occur, it is recommended that the Washington Field Office be instructed to contact and alert informants and sources of information, including sources in hotels, and to maintain close liaison with police department contacts in order that we will be fully covered in this regard.

It is also suggested that the Bureau's liaison representatives who attend the various meetings of the convention be alert to any information or situations indicating a possible violation within our jurisdiction.

RECOMMENDATION

The Conference, with Messrs. Nichols, Callahan, Tamm, Parsons, Sizoo, Belmont, Boardman, Rosen, Mason and Kemer in attendance, unanimously approved the recommendation that a letter go forth to the Washington Field Office, with copies to Baltimore, Richmond, Philadelphia, New York and Pittsburgh, alerting the offices to the potential.

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cc - Mr. Harbo
Mr. Sizoo

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SAC, Washington Field

August 4, 1954

Director, FBI

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AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION
WASHINGTON, D. C.
WEEK OF AUGUST 29, 1954

It can be anticipated that during the National Convention of the American Legion which is scheduled to be held in Washington during the week of August 29, 1954, there will be an influx of racketeers, prostitutes, confidence men and other members of the underworld.

In order that you may be fully cognizant of significant developments occurring during the convention and, also, so that you will be promptly advised of all Federal violations within our jurisdiction which occur, you are instructed to immediately contact informants and sources of information in order to alert them and to solicit their cooperation in furnishing you this information. In this connection, you should also contact sources of information in hotels and maintain liaison with your police department contacts.

In the event information is received indicating a violation within the Bureau's jurisdiction in connection with the Legion Convention, the matter is to be given prompt and continuous investigative attention in order that it may be brought to a conclusion at the earliest possible moment. In the event a complaint is received from any person attending the convention or concerning any such person, you are instructed to immediately advise the Bureau, furnishing full and complete details. All developments of interest occurring during this convention should be promptly brought to the Bureau's attention.

The Baltimore, Richmond, Philadelphia, New York and Pittsburgh Divisions should be alert to this matter and should advise the Bureau promptly of any information of interest coming to their attention.

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The Bureau desires to be advised not later than August 20, 1954, as to the contacts maintained with informants and sources, as well as the other steps taken by you to insure that adequate coverage has been established.

cc: Baltimore
Richmond
Philadelphia
New York
Pittsburgh

JGL:dms

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *R*

DATE: 8-2-54

FROM : Mr. Price *APB*SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION
WASHINGTON, D. C.
WEEK OF AUGUST 29, 1954

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It is also suggested that the Bureau's liaison representatives who attend the various meetings of the convention be alert to any information or situations indicating a possible violation within our jurisdiction.

Recommendation
If you approve this recommendation, there is attached an appropriate memorandum to the Washington Field Office containing such instructions.

Attachment

cc: Mr. Nichols

JGL:mrs

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

DEPARTMENT OF NEW MEXICO

3205 E. CENTRAL AVE.

TELEPHONE 5-5771

ALBUQUERQUE

OFFICE OF
DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT
ROBERT M. MARR

August 5, 1954

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have your letter of July 29 along with the photograph taken in your office during our Boys' Nation Session there in Washington, D. C. last week.

I want to extend my sincere thanks for sending this on: also, for the contribution you and the members of your staff have made to our Boys' State and Boys' Nation Programs.

This picture will be one of my treasured possessions.

Sincerely yours,

Robert M. Marr

Robert M. Marr
Department Adjutant

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/10/54

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (136-1)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION -
NATIONAL CONVENTION
WASHINGTON, D.C.
WEEK OF 8/29/54

Reurlet dated August 4, 1954.

The interpretation of the referenced letter by this Division is that the Washington Field Office is the only Division which is to contact informants and Sources of Information to alert them to solicit their cooperation in furnishing information concerning Federal violations during the above convention.

The Philadelphia Division will report any information to the Bureau promptly coming to our attention which deals with the above-mentioned convention. UACB, the informants of the Philadelphia Division will not be contacted for this purpose.

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TO : Mr. Tolson *V. R. B.*

FROM : The Executives Conference

DATE: 8/3/54

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cc - Mr. Harbo
 Mr. Sizoo

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *[initials]*

DATE: August 17, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION
8-29-54 thru 9-3-54

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Nichols	✓
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Miss Gandy	✓

SYNOPSIS:

Memo dated 6-29-54, reflects American Legion Convention in Washington end of August, 1954; Orville Crouch inquired re listing FBI tour in Coca Cola souvenir booklet for convention and was advised that we would take visitors up to limit of our capacity. American Legion Convention in Washington 8-29 thru 9-3-54. Plans formulated for handling up to 5000 persons per day: same procedure as used in Easter rush augmented by tour leaders and 1 Special Agent in strategic locations (the SA will be assigned to the center building entrance on Penna. Avenue to greet visitors and courteously explain our space limitations to those who must wait or be turned away); Capt. Donahue (Building Guard) and Mr. Little (Building Superintendent) fully cooperative; Bureau Health Service alerted; precautions taken to safeguard Bureau security.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that our tour facilities during the American Legion Convention revert back to same procedures utilized during Easter rush week, augmented by 1 Special Agent and tour leaders in strategic locations on tour route as a security measure.

DETAILS:

By memo dated 6-29-54, I advised that the American Legion Convention will be held in Washington the end of August; in this regard, Orville Crouch had inquired about listing the FBI tour in a

cc - Mr. Tamm
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Holloman
Mr. Jones

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August 17, 1954

souvenir booklet that is being printed by Coca Cola; I could see no objection to this listing, but pointed out that our facilities were limited and we would handle visitors to the capacity of our tour facilities (about 3000 people).

It has been estimated that approximately 500,000 American Legionnaires and their families will be in Washington for the National Convention which begins on Sunday, August 29 and continues thru the week until Friday, September 3, 1954. We anticipate that many thousands of these visitors will visit the FBI for a tour and we have made preparations to accommodate as many of these people as possible within our limited tour facilities.

It is possible that some unforeseen difficulty may arise, but we have formulated the following plans which we believe will afford FBI tours to approximately 5000 persons per day and will also maintain our security:

Length of tour - Approximately 30 minutes

Frequency of tour - Every 3 to 5 minutes

Size of tour - 20 to 25 people

Tours formed at 2 points - (1) Center entrance on Penna. Ave.
(2) Automobile entrance on 9th St.

Indoor Range - No visitors will be permitted to shoot on range.
Range will remain open from 9:00 AM to 5:15 PM.
Two firearms instructors will be assigned to indoor range.

Special Agents - 1 Special Agent will be assigned to augment the tour leader staff; he will be assigned to the center building entrance on Penna. Avenue to greet visitors and courteously explain our space limitations to those who must wait or be turned away.

Tour Leaders - All tour leaders will be thoroughly briefed on their responsibilities and duties during the week preceeding the Convention and will be afforded a brief refresher course. Approximately 65 experienced tour leaders and 35 new tour leaders will be assigned to conduct tours, meet

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groups and maintain security; tour leaders will be assigned full time to special stations (as a security measure and to expedite handling of groups) in the exhibit rooms, traffic diorama, indoor range and laboratory; a sufficient number of men will also be assigned to keep waiting visitors in an orderly "que" line.

Building Guards - Capt. Donahue has been contacted regarding the American Legion Convention and he has assured us of his full cooperation and intends to augment the building guard staff to offer as much additional protection as possible.

Building Maintenance and Elevators - Mr. Little, Building Superintendent, advised that the elevators will be efficiently manned during this period to afford maximum efficiency; the Maintenance Section will also be ready to respond to any emergency which may arise.

Bureau Health Service - The Bureau Health Service is cognizant of the Convention and the emergencies which may arise. Plans are being worked out whereby a nurse will be assigned to the Tour Control Room (5625) so that she will be instantly available to care for faints etc.

Miscellaneous - Arrangements have been made with the laboratory whereby a portable public address system will be available for instant use should an emergency arise when such equipment would be needed.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 20, 1954

FROM : SAC, WFO

(66-2748)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION
 Washington, D. C.
 Week of August 29, 1954

Rebulet August 4, 1954.

The following steps have been taken to insure that this office will be immediately advised of any Federal violation within the Bureau's jurisdiction during the American Legion Convention:

1. Informants and PCIs have been instructed to immediately report any violation coming to their attention as well as any new members of the criminal underworld who may come to Washington during the Convention.
2. Sources of information, including hotel contacts and bellboys have also been alerted to the necessity of immediately contacting this office regarding any violation within the Bureau's jurisdiction.
3. Contact will be maintained with friendly members of the Metropolitan Police Department in order that this office may be advised of any pertinent information which may be of interest to us.

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TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, NY
SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION
WASHINGTON, D. C.
WEEK OF 8/29/54

DATE: 8/18/54

Reurlet to WFO 8/4/54.

All CI's and PCI's in NYO have been alerted with respect to the American Legion National Convention in Washington, D. C. for the week of 8/29/54 at which time they were advised to notify the NYO immediately if in the event any confidence men, racketeers or prostitutes in NY plan to influx to Washington, D. C. during the pertinent period of the convention.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/19/54

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (62-1042)

SUBJECT:

AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL
CONVENTION, WASHINGTON, D. C.
WEEK OF 8/29/54.

Rebulet dated 8/4/54. *NR*

Confidential Informants and PCI's in the Baltimore Division have been advised of the upcoming convention and informed of the Bureau's interest in this convention and have been told to furnish to this office all information indicating violations within the Bureau's jurisdiction.

In addition, the Baltimore Police Department and hotel contacts at the major Baltimore hotels have been requested to furnish any information to this office which would indicate violations within our jurisdiction.

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August 13, 1954

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Mr. Lee R. Pennington
Director
National Americanism Commission
The American Legion
1608 K Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Lee:

Thank you very much for your letter of
August 11, 1954.

It was a real pleasure for me to meet
the members of Boys Nation when they called at
FBI Headquarters on July 28, 1954, and I want you
to know that I am proud to be an honorary member
of this organization.

I am glad that you enjoyed receiving the
pictures of your visit.

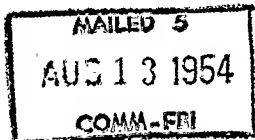
With best wishes,

Sincerely,

J. E. H.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION
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OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

1608 K Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.
August 11, 1954

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The high point in the eight-day meeting of Boys Nation occurred on the morning of July 28 when the boys were able to meet you personally. During the nine years the Legion has held Boys Nation here in Washington, this is the first time you have been in the city at the time of the meetings.

The boys were delighted to make you an honorary member of Boys Nation. I was delighted to be able to give you what I hope was a pleasant surprise. However, the staff wasn't so happy about it, and they promptly called my hand for not advising in advance that you were to receive this award.

I am certainly hoping that next year the outstanding young men we bring to Boys Nation will have the opportunity of meeting you personally.

I am delighted to receive the autographed photograph taken with you as well as the glossy prints which we will be able to use in connection with future Boys Nation meetings.

Sincerely yours,

Lee
LEE R. PENNINGTON, Director

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

100-1-100000-1710
August 29, 1954, through September 3, 1954

In your memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated August 17, 1954, reference is made to the fact that a Special Agent should be assigned to the main entrance on Pennsylvania Avenue to greet visitors and to courteously explain our space limitations to those who are not admitted or be turned away. I intend to have Agents from Crime Records Section perform this duty on four hours' shifts basis, starting next Monday and concluding Friday.

SA Fred E. Morgan has advised that any emergencies which might occur while tours are in progress will be handled through his office. The Agents in Crime Records Section assigned to the entrance of the building will handle any situation which might arise there, and the four Lockers assigned to the entrance will work under the directions of the Agents in Crime Records Section in such matters as maintaining orderly lines and explaining any delays which might occur.

The following is a list of the Agents to be utilized and the shifts they will work:

1. SA L. E. Grisham 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M., August 30, 1954;
1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M., September 1, 1954.
2. SA [redacted] 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M., August 30, 1954; b6
9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M., September 2, 1954. b7c
3. SA E. P. Larnbaugh 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M., August 31, 1954;
1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M., September 2, 1954.
4. SA [redacted] 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M., August 31, 1954;
9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M., September 3, 1954.
5. SA B. M. Suttler 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M., September 1, 1954;
1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M., September 3, 1954.

Unless advised to the contrary, this schedule will be followed, and the Crime Records Agents will work in coordination with the Tour Control Room.

cc - Mr. DeLoach
cc - Mr. F. K. Morgan
cc - SA Grisham
cc - SA [redacted]
cc - SA Larnbaugh
cc - SA [redacted]
cc - SA Suttler

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TO : Mr. Harbo *Mr Tolson*

FROM : Mr. G. C. Garty

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION

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Lee Pennington called 8/26/54. He advised he had received a telephone call from I. B. Hale, former Bureau employee, in which Hale said 23 members of the traffic squad of the Fort Worth, Texas, Police Department were coming to Washington for the purpose of leading the Texas contingent in the American Legion parade on 8/31/54. He requested that Pennington contact the Bureau for the purpose of obtaining the addresses of the rooming houses wherein the National Academy men stay so that arrangements might be effected for the Texas contingent to stay in these houses.

I informed Mr. Pennington that we had a National Academy session beginning on Monday 8/30/54. After checking with Mr. Rogers I also told Mr. Pennington that we had made arrangements for the 80 men who would be in attendance at the new session of the Academy to stay in the available rooming houses and that there were no vacancies in the event the 80 men making up the class utilize such rooming houses.

Pennington said he fully appreciated the matter and would be guided accordingly in informing Hale.

ACTION: Informative.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

AIR-TEL

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI, RICHMOND

8/24/54

DIRECTOR, FBI

AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
WEEK OF 8/29/54. RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL FROM INSPECTOR
FRANK PRICE 8/23/54 AND RICHMOND LETTER TO BUREAU DATED
8/19/54. ALL CI'S IN RICHMOND TERRITORY, PCI'S IN RICHMOND
WHO SUPPLY INFORMATION ON WSTA MATTERS, [REDACTED]
RICHMOND PD VICE SQUAD AND [REDACTED] HEAD OF
DETECTIVES, RICHMOND PD, CONTACTED AS TO IDENTITY OF ANY
RACKETEERS, PROSTITUTES, CON-MEN OR ANY INDIVIDUAL
ENGAGED IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY WHO MAY GO TO WASHINGTON, D. C.
FOR AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION. ALL KNOW OF
NONE GOING TO WASHINGTON, D. C. BUT WILL ADVISE IF ANY
INFORMATION COMES TO THEIR ATTENTION. ALL MANAGERS OF
MAJOR HOTELS IN RICHMOND, ALEXANDRIA AND FREDERICKSBURG
CONTACTED TO DETERMINE IF ANY OF ABOVE INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED
IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES STOP AT HOTELS IN RICHMOND EN ROUTE
TO WASHINGTON, D. C. THESE MANAGERS WILL ADVISE IF THEY
DEVELOP ANY INFORMATION.

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REGULAR MAIL
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Mr. Rosen

Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

cc: MR. ROSEN
AND SUPERVISOR
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. MOHR

DATE: August 26, 1954

FROM : N. P. Callahan

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Attached is a suggested memorandum to all Assistant Directors which outlines generally the restrictions on pedestrian and vehicular traffic during the American Legion Parade to be held Tuesday, August 31. It also sets forth provisions the guard force of the General Services Administration in this building plans to place into operation insofar as maintaining their services on this occasion.

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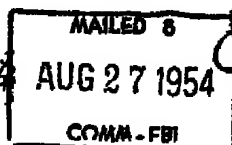
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. NICHOLS
MR. BELMONT
MR. HARBO
MR. MOHR
MR. PARSONS
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MR. TAMM
MR. HOLLoman

Re: AMERICAN LEGION PARADE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1954

It is anticipated by city officials that considerable congestion will exist in the downtown area and immediately adjacent areas at the start of and at the end of the parade area. Accordingly, the Traffic Division has stated that no vehicular traffic will be permitted in the formation area after 10:00 A.M. on August 31 and no vehicular traffic will be permitted after noon in the dispersal area which lies west of 17th Street, Northwest.

Attached is a map for the use of your division which graphically shows the areas involved. A limited number of vehicular passes which will permit passage across the avenue at either 7th Street, Northwest, or 14th Street, Northwest, have been obtained by the Chief Clerk's Office and will be available for emergency official use. Likewise, a limited number of pedestrian passes have been obtained by the Chief Clerk's Office, which passes will permit crossing Pennsylvania Avenue during the parade when breaks occur therein at other than the hours of 6:00 A.M. to 6:30 A.M. During the hours of 6:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M., pedestrians will be permitted to cross the avenue at 7th Street, 9th Street, 12th Street, and 14th Street during breaks in the parade. This is designed to permit personnel of Government offices dismissed during these hours to

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cross the avenue to proceed homeward. The following are the latest highlights available concerning travel in the downtown area on the day of the parade:

- (1) No cars will be allowed in the parade formation area after 10:00 A.M. Tuesday or in the dispersal area after noon.
- (2) There will be no transit service on Pennsylvania Avenue from 1st to 15th Streets, Northwest, or on Constitution Avenue during the parade.
- (3) The only vehicles that may cross the parade route are streetcars, which will cross Pennsylvania Avenue at 7th and 14th Streets, Northwest.
- (4) Pedestrians may cross the parade route only at 7th, 9th, 12th, and 14th Streets from 4:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

The Captain of the Guards of the detail assigned to the Department of Justice Building, has advised that there will be 22 regular and two extra guards assigned to duty at the building on parade day. Guards will be on duty at the 10th and Pennsylvania Avenue door until 6:00 P.M., at which time that door will be locked. There will be a General Services Administration Guard on duty at the 10th and Constitution Avenue door until the Attorney General leaves. There will be a 364 guard on duty at 9th and Pennsylvania Avenue door day and night. The center entrance on Pennsylvania Avenue will be open during the period of the parade; however, only policemen or firemen will be permitted to enter through that door and they will maintain a guard on the door for this specific purpose. In addition, there will be two guards on duty to guard the north which faces the building along the Pennsylvania Avenue side.

The 1500 and 1700 corridors will be locked after 6:00 P.M. at the 9th Street entrance. The 1500 corridor will be blocked or roped off as far as office space areas are concerned; however, access will be permitted to the general public into the corridor as far as is necessary to permit access to the restroom facilities in that corridor.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

Mr. Tolson *WPC:DO*
*9/7/54*DATE: August 10, 1954 *9*

FROM :

L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

AMERICAN LEGION MATTERS

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Special Agent Hanning of the Crime Records Section and DeLoach had luncheon with former Inspector Lee Pennington on August 10, 1954. Matters concerning the forthcoming American Legion Convention which will convene in Washington on August 30, 1954, were discussed.

Pennington will receive all resolutions to be presented at the Convention approximately three days prior to the opening date. Any concerning the FBI will immediately be brought to our attention.

Mr. Pennington desires to have available at the Convention approximately 5000 copies each of the following public source pamphlets we have previously issued:

- (1) Breaking the Communist Spell
(This Week Magazine, 11-1-53)
- (2) Communist Threat in U. S.
(U. S. News and World Reports 3-30-51)
- (3) Communist Virus
(The Times-Herald, Washington, D. C. 6-21-53)
- (4) How to Fight Communism
(Newsweek 6-9-47)
- (5) Red Infiltration of Labor Unions
(AF of L "Labor Guide" Preview issue, Fall 1953)
- (6) Where Do We Stand Today with Communism in the U. S.
(American Legion Magazine 3-54)

He also desires 2,000 copies of the Congressional Record relative to the recent speech of Senator Barry M. Goldwater who on March 29, 1954, answered Alan Barth's criticism of the FBI. You will recall that Barth's criticism generally concerned FBI reports.

cc - Mr. Jones

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Memorandum for Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols

RE: AMERICAN LEGION MATTERS

The next National Commander of the American Legion will be Seaborn Collins of New Mexico. He was in the Army Air Force during World War II and is reportedly a wealthy New Mexico businessman. According to Pennington, Collins is entirely favorable to the FBI. Files reflect no information of a derogatory nature regarding Collins.

ACTION:

Close liaison will be held with Pennington relative to the American Legion Convention. A separate memorandum is being submitted regarding the handling of tours in the Justice Building during the Convention.

It is suggested that we honor Pennington's request for the above-mentioned copies of public source pamphlets. Actually, we have a small supply of such pamphlets already on hand and it is felt that the usage of these pamphlets by the American Legion will do much to indicate to the general public the good work of the FBI.

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*Delivered to Pennington
on 8/25/54
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date August 31, 1954 Time 11:30

Mr. Charles Harry ~~Thorne~~,
[redacted]

Washington, D.C., called at the
Reception Room.
Phone No. _____

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Mr. Boardman _____
Mr. Nichols init
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Parsons _____
Mr. Rosen _____
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REMARKS

Mr. Thorne, a member of the American Legion, called at the Reception Room attired in a convicts' costume and carrying his record, a cracked phonograph record, withhim.

When advised of the Director's absence from the city, Mr. Thorne asked to speak with some other Bureau official and, after checking, was referred to Mr. Wick in Mr. Nichols' office.

11:40AM Mr. Wick advised that Mr. Thorne has been attending the American Legion Convention in the same costume for years and merely wanted the Director to see it and greet the Director at the same time.

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TO : MR. MOHR

DATE: 8/30/54

FROM : N. P. CALLAHAN

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION PARADE

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Jack Adler, Personnel Officer of the Department, telephonically advised the writer at 12:25 p.m. that he had just received information from the Civil Service Commission that the President's Directive permitting employees to be excused for the purpose of viewing the American Legion parade on Tuesday, August 31, 1954, provides that the heads of departments shall be authorized to excuse those employees who can be spared after they have worked the first four hours of duty on that day for the purpose of viewing the parade.

Adler stated in view of the language in the order that this is not considered a half holiday and no lunch period should be granted during the first four hours. Further, employees desiring leave for the whole day would be charged eight hours and persons desiring leave for any part of the day which would run into the excused portion thereof would also be charged the four hours.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: August 30, 1954

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION PARADE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1954

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Pursuant to your request there is set forth data concerning
1) suitable Bureau space available for use of Bureau employees to
view parade; 2) proposed allocation of such space; and 3) suggestion
for maintaining security in space allocated.

1) SPACE AVAILABLE

There are 78 rooms in space assigned this Bureau with windows
suitable for viewing the parade, which at 4 persons per window, provides
312 spaces. It is noted that during the last Inaugural Parade 8 persons
were assigned to each window which was not satisfactory and the Director
instructed that in future parades only 4 persons be assigned per window:
These 78 rooms by floors are:

First floor - 15 - Rooms 1704 thru 1712
" 1730 " 1744
" 1645 & 1647

Second floor - 6 - Rooms 2704 thru 2714

Fourth floor - 35 - Rooms 4702 thru 4748
" 4637 " 4651
" 4262 " 4268

Fifth floor - 22 - Room 5706
Rooms 5710 thru 5738
" 5742 " 5744
" 5260 " 5266

The Bureau occupies no space on the third floor.

No provision is made for utilizing the following office space
because of its unsuitability due to location, trees, or other obstacles
obstructing the view from windows: INDEXED - 25

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First floor - Rooms 1244 thru 1268
" 1641-1643-1649
Second floor - Rooms 2242 thru 2268
Fourth floor - " 4228 " 4260
Fifth floor - " 5226 " 5258

The following space is not being allocated due to the pressure
of official business.

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[initials]

Memo to Mr. Mohr - Cont'd

Director's office suite
Mr. Tolson's office - Mrs. Skillman's office
Mr. Boardman's office
Mr. Rosen and No. One Man's office
Mr. Belmont's office - secretary's office

(2) - PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF SPACE:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Number of Rooms by Floors</u>				<u>Total</u>
	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Fourth</u>	<u>Fifth</u>	
Identification	6	3	15	8	32
Training and Inspection	-	-	-	1	1
Administrative	-	1	4	2	7
Records and Communications	4	2	14	7	27
Domestic Intelligence	5	-	-	-	5
Investigative	-	-	-	4	4
Laboratory	-	-	2	-	2

The above distribution is based on the percentage ratio of each division's personnel to the total assigned at the Seat of Government.

Room passes for distribution to employees have been printed.
- Copy attached.

It will be the responsibility of each division to equitably distribute the passes to their personnel.

The Washington Field Office (ASAC Fletcher in absence of SAC Laughlin) has been telephonically instructed to see that an equitable distribution is made of available space to Bureau personnel located in the Old Post Office Building.

(3) - MAINTAINING SECURITY OF SPACE:

This can be accomplished by each division designating one of its employees who receives a pass to the room to be responsible for the admittance of persons into the room and maintaining general order therein. The identities of the persons so designated by the various divisions must be furnished to the Administrative Division by 10:00 A.M., August 31. The employees so designated should be advised that should anything of an untoward nature occur in the room or unauthorized persons endeavor to gain access to the room, they should immediately contact one of the Administrative Division Agent Supervisors who will be on duty for this specific purpose on Extension 333 in

Memo to Mr. Mohr - Cont'd

Room 5517. The persons so designated should further be advised that no one should be admitted to the room who does not have one of the room passes issued for that room and their proper Bureau identification card.

In addition, it is suggested that each of the Seat of Government divisions designate two Agent Supervisors each who can serve as security supervisors over the areas occupied, these Agents to arrange to work on a shift basis of 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. on or 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. on, and to be physically present on the first, second, fourth and fifth floors, two being on each floor except on the second floor where only one will be necessary because of the limited number of rooms.

The Administrative Division should be advised by 5:00 P.M., August 30, of the identifies of the Agents designated for such duty.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 8-23-54

FROM : Mr. Price

SUBJECT: ~~AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION~~
 WASHINGTON, D. C.
 WEEK OF AUGUST 29, 1954

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This is to advise you of the additional action taken so that adequate coverage will be developed and that we will be advised of violations or other matters of interest occurring during the forthcoming National Convention of the American Legion scheduled to be held in Washington during the week beginning 8-29-54.

In anticipation that the convention will draw racketeers, pimps, prostitutes, confidence men and other members of the criminal element to Washington, we instructed the Washington Field Office by memorandum of 8-4-54, with copies designated for the Baltimore, Richmond, Philadelphia, New York and Pittsburgh Offices, to contact informants, sources of information, hotel sources and to maintain liaison with police department contacts in order that we will be advised of the presence and activities of these individuals and of any violations in which they might be involved. All offices were instructed to give prompt and continuous attention to any violation reported and to advise the Bureau immediately of the full details in the event any complaint is received from any person attending the convention or concerning any such person.

In order to re-emphasize this program and to assure that we will have comprehensive and effective coverage, the following were telephonically contacted today:

ASAC Lally - Baltimore
 SAC D.S. Hostetter - Newark
 SAC McCabe - Philadelphia
 SAC F. Hallford - Pittsburgh
 SAC A. T. Potter - Richmond
 ASAC H. B. Fletcher - WFO
 Supervisor [redacted]
 acting for ASAC A.J. McCabe - New York

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Instructions were issued that each office should immediately re-evaluate this situation with the view to making certain that informants and sources of information have been thoroughly alerted and that they will be prompt in reporting any violation or other matter of interest arising in connection with the American Legion Convention.

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cc: Mr. Nichols

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Memo to Mr. Rosen:

The Washington Field Office was instructed to: (1) immediately make any necessary recontacts with informants and sources; (2) formulate specific plans for the prompt and vigorous handling of any violations reported; (3) if not already done, to contact railway police and police at the National Airport and to maintain liaison with them; and (4) to stay in close contact with the other offices which have been alerted.

All offices have been advised to follow this matter very closely and to promptly advise the Bureau and the Washington Field Office of any information of interest arising during the Convention.

Each office has been instructed to afford any violation arising the most vigorous and prompt attention.

RECOMMENDATION:

This matter will be followed very closely and you will be advised of any violations or other matters of interest which are reported during the Convention.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following ^{AIRTEL} ~~Teletype~~ message to: BUREAU

FBI PH 8-27-54

DIRECTOR, FBI

AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION, WASHINGTON, D.C.

WEEK OF 8-29-54. REMYTEL THIS DATE, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

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PHOTOS ABOVE TWO INDIVIDUALS BEING TRANSMITTED BUREAU VIA AIRTEL

THIS DATE.

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Mr. Rosen

7cc: MR. ROSEN
AND SUPERVISOR
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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

DIRECTOR, FBI

AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION, WASHINGTON, D.C. REBUTELEPHONE CALL AUGUST 23, 1954.

CI'S AND PCI'S CONTACTED BUT TO DATE NO ONE IS AWARE OF IDENTITY OF ANY CONMEN,
GAMBLERS AND/OR PROSTITUTES WHO PLAN TO ATTEND THE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION.

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From the desk of
GEORGE E. SOKOLSKY

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V. K. S.

WEEKLY SUNDAY NIGHT BROADCAST
AMERICAN BROADCASTING COMPANY
By George E. Sokolsky, August 29, 1954

GOOD EVENING. THIS IS GEORGE SOKOLSKY TRANSCRIBING ON THE FORCES AND EVENTS OF THESE DAYS. BUT FIRST, MAY I PRESENT OUR ANNOUNCER FOR A MOMENT.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION - Sept 1

During most of this week, the American Legion will be holding its annual convention in the nation's capital, Washington. There will be the enormous gathering of World War I and World War II veterans, and, of course, there will be some from the Korean War. The convention will be addressed by the President and by Mme. Chiang Kai-shek, who is in the United States for her health. There will be a grand parade.

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The American Legion is one of the most useful organizations in this country. It was founded for comradeship and for many years, most of its efforts were devoted to the old soldiers of World War I coming together to talk about the good old days in battle and camp and hospital. And many a man had a yarn to spin as to how he was the only survivor of his company and he thanked God for that.

As the years passed, the Legion matured and took on important duties. The American Legion Magazine is an extraordinarily good publication which runs articles that other magazines will not take because they are too controversial. The Legion Magazine is not afraid of controversy and when it comes to Communism, this publication makes thorough researches and has provided data not elsewhere to be found.

The Americanism Department is in a constant effort to discourage subversion and to encourage patriotism. It works through the local Legion Posts. It is one of the most useful anti-Communist agencies in the country. Not all American Legion Posts are on the qui vive, but when there is alert and exciting leadership, the Americanism Department accomplishes much both on the national and local levels.

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Patriotism is not a very popular concept in this country in these days. For more than 20 years, internationalism has been drummed into the minds of our people. History text-books have been rewritten to make nationalism appear to be wicked and selfish, while internationalism has been extolled as virtuous.

This is the only country in which internationalism is really favored. The British, French, Italians, Russians, Hindus, Nationalist and Red Chinese, and practically every other country, emphasize the importance of nationalism, their own nationalism. In the United States, internationalism has become a disease that has corrupted the thinking of our people. Even school children have been made to feel that there is something wrong about patriotism. Those who advocate One World theories in our country are pleased that patriotism is not being taught to the young.

But there is this to say about the American Legion. It is one of several patriotic organizations that goes out of its way to stimulate interest in flag and country. And that is why the Legion is important.

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During the summer months, I live on my farm in the Berkshires, near Otis, Massachusetts. One of the great joys of living up here is that it is convenient to Tanglewood where the best music is played by the Boston Symphony Orchestra in a favorable environment. The beauty of Tanglewood needs to be seen to be appreciated.

As an old-timer at the concerts, I suddenly became conscious that they are not opened by "The Star-Spangled Banner." Queer that I should not have noticed that last summer or the summer before that, but the human mind sometimes works that way.

If a British orchestra were performing, they would, of course, have played, "God Save the Queen." If a French orchestra were playing, they would have opened with the "Marseillaise." But Americans start their concerts as though they belong to nothing.

So I began to make inquiries and discovered that it is not customary to play "The Star-Spangled Banner," except in war-time. Comes the armistice and the national anthem is relegated to the library! In a word, patriotism is limited to that period when we are actually at war. In time of peace, patriotism has lost its meaning.

In one case, it was explained to me that "The Star-Spangled Banner" is too dull. I once heard Sir Thomas Beecham conduct "The Star-Spangled Banner" and it was mighty exciting music, as he did it. There was fervor and vigor in that old tune and everybody was thrilled. If then it is dull, it is because the listener wants it to be dull.

I am particularly fond of the last stanza of this fine song:

"Oh! Thus be it ever, when free men shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, for our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: 'In God is our trust.'
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!"

These are fine words which tell much of the nature and character of our people. In my generation, we all had to memorize this song and we sang it daily. I understand that in many schools today, they do not go in for memorizing and that they even sing some substitutes for our national anthem. Well, it is all wrong and we ought to do something about it.

The American Legion could well undertake the task of renewing the habit in time of peace of singing the national anthem, or playing it, on every public occasion. Concerts, baseball games, football games, public meetings of all kind should be required by public opinion or even by state laws to open their sessions with the national anthem. It is done in other countries; why not in ours?

This would be an excellent project for the American Legion to undertake. They have Posts in every town and hamlet where they can express their views on the subject and make their opinions felt. It is impossible to believe that there would be real resistance, for who can justify such resistance? On what grounds?

We are a nation. We are not part of One World. We are not a branch of the United Nations. We are not subordinate to any other country. We are ourselves the United States, one and indivisible, a nation in which the sons and daughters of 50 races of man have found sanctuary in liberty and justice for native and immigrant. The people of such a country should be proud of their institutions, of their flag, of their national existence.

Well, this is a thought of a job that the American Legion might undertake with its usual enthusiasm. And other patriotic organizations might join in the effort; it would be well worth while.

The question might arise, why is the national anthem so important? The answer, of course, is that we live by symbols. We live by the symbols that keep before our memories certain ideals. We are reminded by them of our past; they help us to look to the future. They keep us tied together by a common bond. They serve quickly to recall to our memories the great struggles of our American forebears to people this continent and to keep it free.

The national anthem of any country is a symbol of its particular ideals and civilization. But more than that, when played at a public gathering, it gives pause, if only for a moment, to move from all the little selfishnesses of our private lives to the broad aspects of national life.

Thus, when an Englishman listens to "God Save the Queen," he feels himself part of England. He is not himself, alone; he is part of a great world at the head of which stands Elizabeth the Queen.

We, in the United States, do not have a king. Presidents come and go but the nation lives on and grows stronger and greater in every decade. We need to think of that sometimes and the symbolism of the national anthem is an excellent stimulant for such a thought.

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IN JUST A MOMENT, I'LL BE BACK WITH YOU.

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The Watkins Committee begins its hearings on Monday. It is expected that the Mundt Committee will make its report on Monday. One investigation of Senator Joe McCarthy ends and a new one begins. Congress is no longer in session, but these political investigations continue.

The Watkins Committee has asked Senators Flanders, Fulbright and Morse to produce their evidence. Maybe Flanders, Fulbright and Morse can produce something. If they have some evidence of impropriety, all well and good. What happens to this hearing if no evidence is forthcoming?

|| We shall all watch closely to see what happens. I, myself, think nothing will happen.

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THANK YOU. THIS IS GEORGE SOKOLSKY. GOOD NIGHT.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/19/54

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (94-249)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION
WASHINGTON, D. C.
WEEK OF AUGUST 29, 1954

Reference is made to Bureau letter to Washington Field, copy to Richmond, dated August 4, 1954.

The following steps have been taken by the Richmond Office to insure adequate coverage of the American Legion National Convention in Washington, D. C., the week of August 29, 1954, in accordance with referenced letter.

Managers of the following hotels have been contacted:

George Mason Hotel, Alexandria, Virginia
Richmond Hotel, Richmond, Virginia
John Marshall Hotel, Richmond, Virginia
William Byrd Hotel, Richmond, Virginia
Capitol Hotel, Richmond, Virginia
King Carter Hotel, Richmond, Virginia
Princess Anne Hotel, Fredericksburg, Virginia
Stratford Hotel, Fredericksburg, Virginia

Liaison will be maintained with the Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax Police Departments, also the Virginia State Police Second Division, Engleside, Va., which Police Departments are in the vicinity of Washington, D. C. Liaison will also be maintained with the Fredericksburg and Richmond Police Departments.

All CI's of the Richmond Office have already been contacted or will have been contacted prior to August 29, 1954.

Only the hotels in the vicinity of Washington, D. C., have been contacted inasmuch as there has been no indication that legionnaires will be stopping at any other hotels. [redacted] Manager, John Marshall Hotel, largest hotel in Richmond, which is owned by Richmond Hotels, Inc., which corporation owns most of the major hotels in Richmond, advised that it is not anticipated by the hotel men in

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Virginia that the legionnaires will utilize any hotels in Virginia.

[] advised that he has been attempting to have parties of legionnaires stop at some of the hotels in Virginia, including Richmond Hotels, Inc., which corporation also owns the Chamberlin Hotel at Old Point Comfort, Virginia, but that he has been unsuccessful in making any reservations for parties of legionnaires.

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This office will be alert for any influx of racketeers, prostitutes, confidence men and other members of the underworld who may be in the territory covered by the Richmond Office in connection with the American Legion National Convention.

AUGUST 26, 1954

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FOR THE PRESIDENT.

SINCERELY YOURS,

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Iowa Department
THE AMERICAN LEGION

Office of the
Department Chairman
[redacted]
Fort Madison, Iowa

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Aug 22
1954

Mr. J Edgar Hoover
F.B.I. Chief.
Washington. D. C.

Dear Sir.

I am a Delegate to the Nat'l- Legion Convention in Washington. D. C. and am slated to carry Dept Colors in parade - Tues Aug 31. But I will arrive Sunday Aug 29 - 54 I desire very much to meet the Pres. In 1932 I was a Plain Clothes Guard for Mr. Herbert Hoover in Des Moines, Ia. In 1950 I was again a Plain Clothes Guard for Mr. Harry S. Truman at Ottumwa - Ia Mr Hoover if you can do some thing for me. I be very thankful to you.

Resp yours

[redacted]
Iowa Prison Guard

I only want to shake
hands & say Hello.

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NATIONAL

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FORT MADISON, IOWA

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 30, 1954

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (100-7098)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION,
WASHINGTON, D.C., AUGUST 29, 1954;
MRS. AGNES WATERS
MISCELLANEOUS

[redacted] Manager, Cooper Trent Inc., Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, advised the Richmond Office that [redacted] contacted his firm in an attempt to have them print between 5,000 and 10,000 copies of a letter. [redacted] stated that the letter was to be distributed at the American Legion National Convention in Washington, D.C. in August, 1954. [redacted] refused to print the letter [redacted] due to the contents of the letter. [redacted] made a photostatic copy of the letter [redacted] desired to have printed, which photostatic copy was turned over to the Richmond Office and is being transmitted herewith to the Bureau.

For the information of the Washington Field Office, the letter denounced the activity on the part of the United States concerning treaties and agreements with Soviet Russia, and also denounced the United Nations as somewhat Anti-Semitic in its contents.

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CC: Washington Field

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Letter from Mrs. Agnes Waters, Box 3560, Washington 7 D C.
ONLY WOMAN CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT U.S.A.

TO: The Congress of the United States of America.
"And subtle covenants shall be made till peace itself is war
in Masquerade."
August 30th, 1954.

PETITION FOR REDRESS OF "WRONGS DONE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BECOMES AN "OCCUPIED COUNTRY".

Dear friends: Did you know that the United States is now an
occupied nation? well it is! it is occupied by unlimited numbers
of ARMED FOREIGN TROOPS UNDER THE 3 secret NATO Treaties that
were signed in London in 1951 by Acheson, and RATIFIED by order
of Eisenhower in the U.S. Senate on July 15th, 1953! it was admitted
by the State Dept. at the time of the Hearings on these Treaties
in April, 1953, that 12,000 foreign troops were already here!
and the estimate since is that more than 200,000 have come in during
the past year since these treaties were ratified.

THERE IS A CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE ON THESE TREATIES.

So let me give you the official proof from page 29 of "The
Status of North Atlantic Treaty Organization" Hearings before
The Senate Foreign Relations Committee in the U.S. Capitol in
April, 1953: I quote:

"The United States is obliged (by this NATO Supplemental Treaty)
to let NATO Military Personnel carry arms under orders. The U.S. is
OBLIGED to let NATO Military Personnel enter this country without
passports, visas, immigration inspection or compliance with the U.S.
alien registration laws. We are OBLIGED to recognize criminal
jurisdiction of FOREIGN MILITARY AUTHORITIES in lieu of the present
jurisdiction of Federal, State or local authorities."

Now that is only a part of these 3 Treaties, and the other clauses
are worse! for they set up a WORLD GOVERNMENT with the capacity to
conclude contracts, to acquire and dispose of movable and immovable
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ property, and to instigate legal proceedings. (Do you want
your properties taken?) and in Part Two, Article 4, "The organization
shall possess JURIDICAL personality." Just send to The U.S. Senate for
copies of these NATO Hearings of April, 1953, and also get copies of
the 3 secret NATO supplemental Treaties from The Senate Foreign Rela-
tions Committee in the U.S. Capitol, they are free for the asking.
And READ for yourself these TERRIBLE NATO Treaties! they are to be
extended to Germany and Japan and to all of South-east Asia! so that
our former bitter enemies can come in and sleep in your beds while
you and your sons are sent out out of this country! and this has been
already done to you under Pres. Ike the Mike Eisenhower!

Caps
"AND SUBTLE COVENANTS SHALL BE MADE TILL PEACE ITSELF IS WAR
in Masquerade!" these words are taken from a speech made in the U.S.
Senate by the late Sen. Hiram Johnson of Calif. when he was fighting
the Lend-Lease Bills, in 1941.

NOT LET ME GIVE YOU SOME OTHER OFFICIAL PROOFS OF GUILT
AS PUT OUT BY THE U.S. GOVT. IN OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

The first is taken from a U.S. State Dept. Bulletin Number 4222
of August 3, 1947, and it is called "Arming the United Nations."
and I quote from it as follows:

"Special agreements under Article 43 of the Charter (United Nations)."

"On April 30, 1947, Lieutenant General A.Ph. Vasiliev, of the Red Army, Chairman of the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations, forwarded to Trygve Lie, Secretary-General, for transmission to the Security Council, a report of the Military Staff Committee, containing recommendations of the general principles governing the organization of the armed forces made available to the Security Council by Member Nations of the United Nations."

SOVIET GENERALS MAKE LAWS IN UNITED NATIONS GOVERNING OUR ARMIES.

"These general principles governing the organization of the ARMED FORCES made available to the Security Council by Member Nations of the United Nations, are outlined complete in Department of State Bulletin Supplement, Volume XVII, No. 422A, August 3, 1947; Department of State Publication no. 2892, United States-United Nations Information Series No. 23." Above quotation is from this bulletin. (This bulletin is no longer available, but it should be found in any library where the regular subscription, Department of State Bulletin, is on file.)

SOVIET GENERALS IN CHARGE OF MILITARY PLANS IN UNITED NATIONS.

You will note that the military organization (or future military police force) of the United Nations was organized and controlled by the Soviet Union in the United Nations. These forces are composed, as here quoted from the same State Department Bulletin No. 422 A: "Article 4. These Armed Forces shall be made available to the Security Council from the best trained and equipped units (formations) of Member Nations of the United Nations." You know that once the Soviet get control, they NEVER RELEASE THAT CONTROL. And so every military and tactical move made by our Armies in Korea was reported by U.N. Observers right back to the enemy!

Now let me quote from another United States official document, one issued by the United States Defense Department, a white paper, charging Russia with launching the Korean war, and naming the Soviet Lieutenant General VASILIEV. AS THE SOVIET GENERAL WHO LAUNCHED THE KOREAN WAR OVER THE 38th PARALLEL!

I quote as follows: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
Washington, 25, D.C., press release, May 16, 1964. "

This press release is captioned "The Truth About SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN THE KOREAN WAR." It charges that RUSSIA LAUNCHED THE KOREAN WAR, and that the SOVIET GENERAL IN CHARGE WAS THE U.N. CREED "SOVIET GENERAL VASILIEV!"

Quotation from this press release: "In the interest of throwing further light on the facts of Soviet participation in the Korean war, and on the Chinese record in Korea, the Department of Defense has released two special studies on these subjects. These documents represent conclusions which are based on intelligence research and examination of many sources of information over a considerable period of time."

"The documents establish beyond any doubt the true nature of Communist aggression against the Republic of Korea, the Soviet and Chinese Communist support of, and participation in, that aggression, and the blunt truth about the internal and external manifestations of Communist control in Korea."

THE HORDES OF "ADVISORS" TO THE NATIVES.

"Any Russian 'advisors' were attached to the North Korean Army advance headquarters established in June 1950. They wore civilian clothing, and it was forbidden to address them by rank. They were introduced as 'newspaper reporters', but they had supreme authority. They took the lead in commanding and manipulating troops. They treated the Korean officers, who were nominally their chiefs, 'like their servants, or children'. A North Korean Major identified two of these Russian 'advisors' as BRIGADIER GENERAL VASILILV and Colonel Belgin. Vasililv, he said, was in charge of all the agents across the 38th parallel." (Hearings of that 38th parallel before ??) It was the partitioning of Korea like the partitioning of Poland, and now of Viet Nam!

SOVIET GEN. VASILILV ran the show from both camps!!! No wonder General MacArthur told the United States News and World Report (Dec. 1, 1950) that the limitations imposed on his command constituted "an enormous handicap, without precedent in military history". No wonder he later testified that he was not allowed to win the war! Both Gen. MacArthur and Gen. Van Fleet testified that their winning orders in Korea were countermanded ~~XXXXXX~~ Official documents prove beyond a doubt, that anyone with any sense should have known all along, that the United Nations is a might apex, a terrific Frankenstein, intended to enslave the United States Government and enslave the people of the United States and of all the world! Korea was a gigantic MURDER PLOT, the first of many such traps, planned to conquer the United States by gradually destroying our manpower and our economic structure. Pres. Truman pulled a coup d'etat at 3 A.M. on Sunday June 25th, 1950, when he put the U.S. Armies at the disposal of the UN. If Communism should venien from the earth tomorrow our problem would still be with us. The "nuden-nana" government in these United States (for what else could produce such results) is waiting to come out with full-fledged authority as a world government, with the United Nations as headquarters in this country.

THE JEW LENIN SAID "WE SHALL SPEND AMERICA TO DESTRUCTION."

Over 1900 years ago a situation such as the present one, was described in a simple parable, which was read in the Gospel of the Seventy Sunday after Pentecost (on July 25 this year):

"Matt. 7.15-21: At that time, Jesus said to his disciples: Beware of false prophets, who come to you in the clothing of sheep, but, inwardly, are ravenous wolves. By their fruits ye shall know them. Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles? Even so, every good tree bringeth forth good fruit, and the evil tree brings forth evil fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, shall be cut down, and cast into the fire. Therefore, by their fruits ye shall know them." The fruits of this modern 20th Century betrayal of CHRISTIANS adds up to 51 million dead! and 850 million people captured by the Soviets

THE UNITED STATES IS NOW AN OCCUPIED COUNTRY.

For proof of the above see the three secret NATO Treaties that were ratified by the U.S. Senate by order of Pres. Eisenhower over Sen. Taft's dying body, on July 15th, 1953! (see the Congressional Record for July 14 and 15th, 1953), also ask the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for the April 1953 Hearings on these 3 Treaties, and get copies of "Executive" "B" "T" and "U" which prove that a SUPER-WORLD GOVT. was set-up immune from investigation, search or arrests! and that you can be deported from the USA and sent to a CONCENTRATION CAMP in America that's paid for with your USA tax money! and that UNLIMITED armed foreign troops are to come in here with 12,000 such troops admittedly here before these Treaties passed.

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200,000. AND 200,000 TROOPS ARE NOT HERE, 1th more coming!

Under the 3 NATO treaties they can come without visa, passports or any immigration inspection. They have taken over the AD, ICS and the NAVIES OF THE U.S.A.!

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RESULTS so far of THE JEW Baruch's "cold war" is 350 million people tak-

These are the 5 secret treaties signed by the traitor Acheson in London in 1951. See the list below.

DO YOU WANT THE UN and the NATO to take

WORLD POLICE ACTION" PLANNED BY THE UNITED NATIONS.

1, they are! why wait for a SOVIET ARMY or NATO and UN police

"THE LONDON MANIFESTO 1954." (and I quote the exact words!)

London at The London County Hall on Sept. 4th to 10th, 1954,

re is to be held a WORLD CONFERENCE OR MEETING OF THE "World A

One of the Vice-Presidents of this "WORLD ORGANIZATION" is none other [Earl Browder's old pal, the NEGRO Cong. from N.Y. Adam Clayton Powell;

[illegible]

Another Vice-President is the Jew Cohen M.P. from Isreal
And every member of the U.S. Congress is AUTOMATICALLY A
MEMBER OF THIS GANG OF "WORLD GOVERNMENT" AGENTS with Headquarters
in the House of Commons, London, Eng., and who held their last
"WORLD GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE" in the U.S. House of Representatives
in October 1953, with President Eisenhower making the address of
welcome to these "REDS" who sat in the seats of the elected U.S.
Congress!

ARE YOU WILLING TO TRADE YOUR HARD-WON LIBERTY FOR THIS
MESS OF POTAGE PUT OUT BY THE AGENTS OF THE SOVIET UNION?

If not, MAKE YOURSELF HEARD NOW WHILE YOU HAVE THE BREATH TO TAKE
because it won't be long now before there will be enough ARMED
foreign troops in this country to take you over lock, stock and
barrel as they have done to 850 million other people in the world.

STAND UP FOR AMERICA! and run the United Nations off our
shores! let's show these "REDS" that we are not so gullible as they
think we are! in fact LET'S MAKE TYRANNY TREMBLE!

Anyone interested in this battle for America, please send
me one dollar and I will send you further information. DO IT NOW!

Address me,

Mrs. Agnes Waters,
Box 3560, Washington 7 D.C.

Agnes W.

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September 7, 1954

Honorable Seaborn P. Collins
American Legion Headquarters
1608 K Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Collins:

I want to take this opportunity to express the sincere congratulations of the FBI to you as the new National Commander of the American Legion. Your election to this high post is indeed a wonderful display of confidence in you on the part of all members of the American Legion.

I would like to additionally express the humble gratitude of all FBI personnel and myself for the extremely kind resolutions which were passed before the General Assembly of the American Legion on September 2, 1954. Such faith, as shown in the FBI by the American Legion, is certainly inspiring. I hope that our activities in the future will continue to merit such staunch support.

In the event we can be of any service to you, please do not hesitate to let us know at any time.

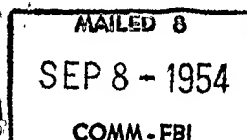
Sincerely yours,

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cc - Mr. Jones

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September 7, 1954

Mr. Dallas E. Nowlsch
Route One, Box 114 D
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Nowlsch:

I have been advised that The American Legion, in national convention on September 2, 1954, passed a resolution which indicated that Legion members concurred with the code of living which I practice. It is my understanding that this resolution was initiated by the Department of Oregon, and that you were Commander of this Department at the time the resolution was passed.

G.I.R.-6

I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my humble appreciation for the kindness of the members of The American Legion in the Department of Oregon. Although my name was specifically mentioned in the resolution, I am certain the Legion members also had in mind the loyal personnel of the FBI as a whole.

I do hope that we may continue to merit your confidence.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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September 7, 1954

Honorable Arthur J. Connell
Portland, Connecticut

My dear Mr. Connell:

I want to take this opportunity to express congratulations to you for the excellent year's service you have rendered the American Legion while serving as National Commander. Your election to this position in 1953 was a most high compliment to the confidence that all Legion members have in you and I am certain that your actions, while serving as National Commander, completely supported the trust imposed in you.

I want to express also my humble appreciation and that of all the personnel of the FBI for the two resolutions passed by the American Legion, while in convention, on September 2, 1954, which commended my personal code of living and the activities of the FBI as a whole. The sentiment expressed in these resolutions is a wonderful exhibition of faith in the Federal Bureau of Investigation on the part of the American Legion, and I sincerely pray that we may continue to merit such support.

I do hope in the event we can be of assistance to you, you will not hesitate to let us know at any time.

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September 7, 1954

Dr. William Adams
433 Third Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Adams:

I have been advised that The American Legion, in national convention on September 2, 1954, passed a resolution commending the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its work in the field of anti-subversion and deploring the unjustified attacks upon the FBI by the Communist Party.

Inasmuch as you were Department Commander at the time the resolution was initiated in the Department of the District of Columbia, I wish to express my humble appreciation, and the gratitude of all FBI personnel, for the very fine sentiments as expressed in the mentioned resolution.

We in the FBI sincerely hope that our activities in the future will continue to merit your faith and confidence.

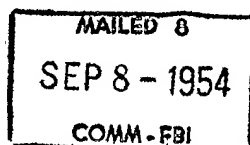
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Mr. Jones

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *W. J. Jones*

DATE: August 12, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION MATTERS

Former Inspector Lee Pennington has confidentially advised that the American Legion headquarters is extremely embarrassed over the actions of the State American Legion convention in Chicago, Illinois, last Friday, August 6, 1954. You will recall that at the State convention, the Illinois American Legion passed a resolution asking that support be withdrawn from the Girl Scout movement because of "Un-American influences in the Girl Scout Handbook."

Pennington indicated that Mrs. Ray F. Layton, National President of the Girl Scouts, called upon him on August 11, 1954, and protested the actions of the Illinois American Legion. Pennington indicated the national headquarters plans to do everything possible to stifle any further actions of this nature on the part of the American Legion in Illinois. He stated that under no circumstances would the national headquarters allow a resolution of this nature be brought before the national convention beginning in Washington, D. C., on August 30, 1954.

ACTION:

For information.

cc - Mr. Jones *W. J. Jones*

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Miss Gandy ☒

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Mr. Boardman _____
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Parsons _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tamm _____
Mr. Jones ✓
Mr. Sizoo _____
Mr. Winterrowd _____
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Mr. Holloman _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

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Date August 16, 19 54 Time 10:56AM

Mrs. B. D. Ward, Kingswood, West
Virginia, tele through operator.

Phone No. _____

REMARKS

When advised that the Director was out of the city, Mrs. Ward consented to speak to an assistant and, after checking, was referred to SA [] Crime Records Section.

11:55AM SA [] advised that Mrs. Ward identified herself as the National Child Welfare Chairman of the American Legion - NATIONAL Auxiliary, and requested that the Director address a pre-Convention committee meeting at 1:45PM on August 29, 1954 at the Williamsburg Room of the Mayflower Hotel, the address was to concern itself with juvenile delinquency or narcotics.

SA [] advised that the Director's schedule was not known. Mrs. Ward then advised that she would write today asking the Director or an appointed representative to address her group. SA [] is preparing a memo.

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*memo to Mr. Tolson
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: August 16, 1954

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DIRECTOR TO SPEAK AT AMERICAN
LEGION AUXILIARY PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE
MEETING AUGUST 29, 1954, AT 1:45 P.M.

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At 11:00 a.m., August 16, 1954, a Mrs. B. D. Ward was interviewed telephonically by Special Agent [redacted] of the Crime Records Section by reference from the Director's Office. b6 b7C

Mrs. Ward stated she was calling from Kingswood, West Virginia, and identified herself as the National Child Welfare Chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary.

She stated that the American Legion Auxiliary would hold a pre-convention committee meeting in the Williamsburg Room of the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C., from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 29, 1954.

In connection with this meeting, she asked if the Director could give a short talk on the subject "juvenile delinquency." She stated she understood Mr. Hoover was presently out of the city and wondered if he would be back in time to accept this invitation to speak. She explained that if he would not be available, she would then like some other Bureau representative to accept the assignment.

Mrs. Ward stated the Director has helped her out previously in similar matters and stated she was also the Director of Girls' Nation, an organization affiliated with the American Legion.

Mrs. Ward stated she would like Mr. Hoover, or his representative to speak at 1:45 p.m. She also desires that a portable exhibit be used in connection with the speech if one is available.

It was explained to Mrs. Ward that the Director's schedule is uncertain and that it is not known whether he will have returned to Washington by August 29, 1954, but that her request would most certainly be brought to his attention.

Mrs. Ward expressed her appreciation and then stated, that to save time and expense, she would dispatch a letter to the Bureau this afternoon setting out the full details of her request.

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Memo to Mr. Nichols

August 16, 1954

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) Upon receipt of Mrs. Ward's letter, that a review of Bufiles be made to determine our relationship with her.

(2) That her telephone call be acknowledged after the receipt of her letter, and that it be explained that the Director's schedule does not permit him to accept her invitation.

(3) That an appropriate Bureau official be assigned to accept this commitment in Mr. Hoover's stead.

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August 24, 1954

Mrs. I. D. Ward
Vanflor Hotel
Connecticut Avenue and DeLaes,
Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Ward:

Your letter dated August 18, 1954, has been received.

I want you to know how sorry I am that I was not able to talk with you at the time of your telephone call on August 16, due to my absence from the city. You may be sure that I am deeply grateful for your gracious invitation for me to have lunch with you and Mr. Ward and to speak before the pre-convention committee meeting of the Child Welfare Division of the American Legion Auxiliary on August 29. It would be a great pleasure for me to be able to be with you on that occasion, but I regret that a prior commitment prevents me from doing so.

In compliance with your request, however, I am happy to inform you that Inspector C. D. DeLoach, of our headquarters staff, will be more than glad to meet with your group and discuss the very important problem of juvenile delinquency with you. Inspector DeLoach will bring some material with him so that each member of your committee will be able to have a copy of it. I am sure that you will find it both interesting and informative. In connection with your inquiry concerning the use of an exhibit, I regret that we will not be able to furnish anything that would be suitable for this occasion.

It is a pleasure to be of assistance to you, and I do hope that your meeting is a tremendous success.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Mr. DeLoach, with copy of incoming.

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Mrs. B. D. Ward

August 24, 1954

NOTE: Correspondent telephonically contacted the Bureau on August 16 and was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] of the Crime Records Section. She requested that Mr. Hoover give the instant speech, and when advised that the Director's schedule was uncertain stated she would send a letter in.

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Mr. Nichols has advised that Inspector DeLoach will give this talk. Inspector DeLoach has indicated that he will take 135 copies of "The Crime Problem" with him for distribution at the time of the speech.

It is not deemed advisable to prepare an exhibit for this occasion since it would only be in use for approximately two hours.

In connection with correspondent's remark concerning Mr. Hoover's statement for the "Dinner Bell hour," it is noted that by letter dated 3-11-54 correspondent requested Director's thinking on the program on Child Welfare Committee and also requested one or two table blessings remembered from childhood. This information was sent to her by letter dated 3-16-54.

Bufiles reflect limited, cordial correspondence with Mrs. Ward.

Box 181--Kingwood, W.Va.



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Kingwood, W.Va.
August 18, 1954

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover :

I was sorry that I could not talk with you when I phoned yesterday but your agent was very helpful.

I am very much interested in having you if at all possible, if not one of your agent's to speak at the Pre-Convention committee meeting of the Child Welfare Division. Aug 29 - Williamsburg Room

The women attending this session are the key workers from each state, from Alaska, Hawaii, Panama, The Phillipines, and Puerto Rico.

They will be interested in a new approach or a better approach to the problem of delinquency -- they will be interested in hearing whether the bureau believes that a stronger mental health program might be a step forward in curing delinquency. They will be interested in knowing just how much of the fault for the increase lies on the threshold of the American Home.

I would want them to have some startling facts -- human interest stories and an opportunity to ask questions. I prefer to have the audience participation type of program.

We could use an exhibit if available, one that could be placed by 11:45 A.M. Sunday, so that could examine it before our meeting gets under way. Our time is 12:30 to 2:30, we will have a very full schedule, we are timing an entire program as we must vacate the room at 2:30 promptly to let another group in.

We can use some good handouts (total number about 135) Now -- will you think this through and let me know what and how your department can cooperate. If you come yourself, could you have lunch with Mr. Ward and me about 11:30 at the Mayflower?

Your statement for the Dinner Bell hour has been very popular and I have included it in the book of reports which will go into the hands of every delegate.

Advise me on this whole affair, as I want to see that these women go home filled with a desire to help get their states going on a program that will get our children turned toward new goals.

With kindest personal regards

Sincerely yours, Mrs. B.D. Ward

National Child Welfare Chairman.

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Will be at the Mayflower.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: August 30, 1954

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION
THE AMERICAN LEGION

You will recall that the National Americanism Commission, of the American Legion, prior to the convention, had formally extended an invitation for Messrs. DeLoach and Hanning of the Bureau to sit in with the Commission during its meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday, August 28, 1954, at the Hamilton Hotel, Washington, D. C.

As a matter of record, very little information of interest to the FBI was discussed at this meeting. Former Inspector Lee Pennington reported on the activities of the National Americanism Commission during the past year and specifically indicated the stepped up program regarding the dissemination of anti-Communist literature. He made reference to the excellent work being done by the FBI on several occasions during his report. A budget for the next fiscal year's activities of the National Americanism Commission was presented and was found to total approximately \$22,000.

Resolution Number 75 of the American Legion was discussed. The subject of this resolution was the opposition by the Legion of the court decision concerning the reversal of the Steve Nelson case. You will recall that Steve Nelson is one of the top functionaries of the Communist Party, USA. The Americanism Commission urged all Legion delegates to contact their State Attorneys General and request these officials to file briefs in conjunction with the brief filed by the Attorney General of the State of Pennsylvania in opposition to the reversal of the Nelson case. The motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed that letters be prepared to Attorney General Brownell relative to this matter.

Former Dean Clarence Manion of the University of Notre Dame Law School spoke lengthily on the Legion's program to put signs on billboards depicting the value of democracy, constitution and rights of state governments. Dean Manion presented 26 signs for consideration to the Americanism Commission and these signs were unanimously approved. Manion will now contact leading advertising firms for the purpose of having these signs placed on billboards throughout the United States.

cc - Mr. Boardman
 cc - Mr. Belmont
 cc - Mr. Jones

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RE: NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION
THE AMERICAN LEGION

August 30, 1954

The subject of Senator McCarthy was brought up although this was not a matter on the agenda. The delegates of the Americanism Commission, of which there were 18 present, took no action in proposing or recommending resolutions regarding Senator McCarthy inasmuch as such a resolution had been previously passed by the same body at a recent meeting.

The full committee of the National Americanism Commission will again convene on Monday, August 30, 1954, at the Carlton Hotel. The American Legion headquarters has issued an invitation for the same Bureau representatives to be present at this meeting.

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For information.

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TO : Mr. Tolson *8/30/54*

FROM : L. B. Nichols *mon*

SUBJECT: SPEECH BEFORE CHILD WELFARE DIVISION
 ① AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
 MAYFLOWER HOTEL, AUGUST 29, 1954
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At the request of Mrs. B. P. Ward, National Child Welfare Chairman, American Legion Auxiliary, DeLoach spoke for approximately 25 minutes on the subject of juvenile delinquency before the Child Welfare Division on Sunday, August 29, 1954.

Approximately 150 women and 10 male officials of the American Legion were present during the talk.

In her introductory remarks, Mrs. Ward pointed out the fact that the Child Welfare Division of the American Legion was particularly grateful to the FBI for the great work this organization is doing in the field of juvenile delinquency. She indicated she was especially mindful of the speeches being made by the FBI in this field and the training being given police officers by the FBI. DeLoach thanked Mrs. Ward for her statements during his speech.

It was evident that the members of the Child Welfare Division of the Legion were very interested in the subject of juvenile delinquency. Numerous comments were made by the members concerning the talk given and it is believed that this speech was well received.

ACTION:

For information.

cc - Mr. Jones

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TO : Mr. Tolson *per D*

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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There is attached hereto two resolutions which were adopted by the American Legion Convention on September 2, 1954. The details of the Legion are being covered in a separate memorandum by Mr. DeLoach.

I would like to comment, however, on what I consider to be a very fine job handled by Messrs. DeLoach and Donald G. Hanning of the Crime Records Section. You will recall DeLoach was designated as our Legion contact with Hanning to assist him. Hanning was one of the few survivors of the death march at Bataan and has a rather spectacular military record. Both of these men have taken the Legion Convention and their Legion work very seriously and from every indication I have been able to secure have been very intelligent in their handling of matters. Beginning on Thursday, August 26, some of the commissions of the Legion began meeting. Hanning and DeLoach spent considerable time attending sessions, getting acquainted and getting around. This week DeLoach has attended all the sessions of the Commission on Americanism and in addition has circulated considerably among various Legion officials. Both these boys have kept me posted as to developments and matters that came up were handled as they arose.

In view of what I consider was a very difficult position for both the boys to be in, in view of Pennington's long service in the Legion, and excellent manner in which they handled their assignments, I feel both should be commended.

Attachment

cc - Mr. Jones

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Resolution 600

District of Columbia

Whereas, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is and has been one of our chief bulwarks against the international totalitarian collectivistic movement known as Communism to all other foreign or domestic totalitarian threats, and

Whereas, the Communist Party and its many subservient helpers have inspired continuous unwarranted and dishonest attacks on the FBI in the obvious hope of destroying its effectiveness, and

Whereas, these attacks have recently been increased in frequency and viciousness without justification in fact, and

Whereas, the continued public confidence in the FBI is essential to its continuing effectiveness in dealing with our totalitarian self declared enemies.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the American Legion recommends the continued whole-hearted and unquestioned support of the FBI in its activities, and

Be it further resolved by the American Legion in National Convention assembled in Washington, D. C., August 30 - September 2, 1954, that the American Legion vigorously defend the FBI against such slanderous and unjustified attacks.

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Res. 315 (ORE)

Whereas we recognize the integrity, patriotism and sincerity of J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, exemplified in his personal code as follows:

"Believe in God and the inherent dignity of man.

"Trust in our democratic principles and be confident that truth will overcome the menace of dictatorship which today seeks to destroy our freedoms. Strive always to do your best. Make your life purposeful. If each of us in a spirit of self dedication will do his share, we can create a better world. That must be the spirit of 1954. The spirit of love, humility and justice."

Therefore be it resolved that this 36th National Convention hereby concurs with the fine basic principle of this expression of individual goal and personal code.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: September 3, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION
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RESOLUTIONS OF INTEREST TO FBI:

On September 2, 1954, two resolutions, one introduced by the Department of the District of Columbia and the second by the Department of Oregon, were introduced on the floor of the General Assembly of the American Legion and passed unanimously. The first resolution indicated that all Legion members concurred in the code of living of Director J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI. It advocated that Legion members follow this code. The second resolution indicated that the Legion was aware of the many savage and vicious attacks on the FBI during the past year on the part of the Communist Party and other subversive influences. This resolution reflected that the Legion deplored such attacks and called upon members to defend the FBI at all times. It described the FBI as "the chief bulwark" against Communism in the United States and commended our organization for its work in the fight against Communism.

Both resolutions are included as a part of this memorandum as attachments A and B. There will additionally be found attached a letter to the retiring National Commander, Arthur J. Connell congratulating him upon his service with the American Legion and expressing thanks for the resolutions commending the FBI. There is also attached a letter to the new National Commander, Seaborn B. Collins, congratulating him upon his election as new National Commander of the American Legion and expressing appreciation for the above-mentioned resolutions. There is no derogatory information regarding either Connell or Collins in Bufiles.

RESOLUTIONS OF INTEREST TO FBI CONCERNING INTERNAL SECURITY FIELD:

3 I. UNESCO Resolution. Resolution number 322 deplored the use of material furnished by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organizations for the use in public schools throughout the country. The resolution called upon all boards of education to cease and desist from the use of educational materials of UNESCO which propounded world citizenship and adherence to a nebulous world government. This resolution was highly critical of UNESCO. The cause of UNESCO was championed at Subcommittee and Committee meetings by David Apter, and J. Woolfson. Apter is a State Department employee and Woolfson is a representative of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

cc - Mr. Boardman 2X
cc - Mr. Belmont
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II. Resolution number 404 opposed the reversal of the conviction of the "notorious Communist," Steve Nelson. The resolution called upon all Legion Departments in every state to file a brief as an amicus curiae supporting the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in seeking to have the Supreme Court of the United States accept jurisdiction in hearing this case.

III. Resolution number 74 commended the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (The McCarthy Committee), the House Un-American Activities Committee and the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee for their fight against Communism. At meetings of the Subcommittee on Americanism and the full Americanism Committee and additionally before the General Assembly, John B. Barnard, Commander, Department of Colorado, vigorously fought for an amendment to resolution 74 declaring that commendation of the Congressional investigating committees should not be construed as approval of any methods which violate traditional American concepts of due process of law, including abusive practices in questioning witnesses. Barnard was seconded on all occasions by one Eric Taylor, a delegate from Rhode Island. These men were voted down at all Committee hearings and were declared out of order on the floor of the General Assembly. Barnard admittedly had no facts to back up accusations at Committee hearings. He reportedly has been strongly supported in American Legion activities by the Denver Post.

IV. Tax Exempt Foundations. Resolution 658 mandated the National Legislative Commission of the Legion to secure the authorization by either or both houses of Congress, in the next Session, of a new investigation to determine the identity of tax-free foundations who have been making grants or gifts or affording financial support to organizations supporting Communism.

V. Girl Scout Resolution. Resolution 328 recommended the withdrawal of support of the Girl Scout movement in the United States until elimination of Un-American influences in its publications was achieved. There was considerable debate in all Committee hearings regarding this matter. The Department of Illinois presented a factual and well-documented accusation against the Girl Scouts. John B. Barnard of Colorado, as mentioned above, appeared as a vigorous foe of any movement condemning the Girl Scouts. The resolution was eventually somewhat watered down; however, still recommended withdrawal of support of the Girl Scout movement.

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Secondly, the resolution commended the Girl Scouts for making additions and deletions in their 1954 Handbook which indicated the withdrawal of subversive influences from the Handbook and suggested that the American Legion and the Girl Scouts cooperate in future endeavors to prevent subversion from creeping into Girl Scout publications. The resolution additionally called for the exposure of Girl Scout officials who had allowed the presentation of subversive influences in Girl Scout publications in their original phase. Attachment C of this memorandum reflects the objections of the Department of Illinois to certain publications of the Girl Scouts, chiefly that part which recommends to Girl Scouts and their parents the reading of articles written by Dorothy Canfield Fisher and Langston Hughes, both described by the Illinois American Legion as being "notorious Communist fronters." This resolution passed unanimously before the General Assembly of the American Legion.

VI. Supporting of Confidential Informants. Resolution 334 expressed full confidence in the integrity of former Communists who helped expose Communists. The Legion, in this resolution, urged its entire membership to write or wire the Attorney General and the various Congressional Investigating Committees indicating that Legion membership fully supported individuals who had turned their back on the Communist Party and had helped procure evidence against the Communist Party and its membership. This resolution in its initial phase reflected "the FBI having established the integrity of such informants....." was somewhat objectionable insofar as the Bureau is concerned. The resolution specifically named such informants as [redacted] and others. At the meeting of the full Committee on Americanism, the FBI representatives took the floor and expressed appreciation for the Committee's interest in the matter of internal security; however, respectfully suggested that the phrase concerning the FBI establishing the integrity of such informants be stricken from the resolution. This matter was considered and the phrase restricted as suggested. b7D

VII. Outlawing the Communist Party. Resolution 653 commended Congress and the President of the United States for outlawing the Communist Party. It might be noted that with respect to this resolution Judge Michael P. Musmanno of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, after the resolution was passed, grabbed a

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microphone on the floor of the General Assembly and spoke lengthly regarding his desire to commend Congress and the President regarding the passage of such legislation. Judge Musmanno is described by numerous Legion officials as making this move strictly to gain personal publicity inasmuch as there was no need whatsoever for the resolution to be set aside for the purpose of allowing Musmanno to make a speech.

VIII. Resolution 428 urged Congressional legislation which would ~~give~~ security to diplomats or agents who have escaped from the Communist conspiracy in an attempt to aid the United States. This was a proposal originally made by Igor Gouzenko to the Canadian government.

IX. Resolution 429 recommended Congressional legislation to give the Justice Department the authority to use the evidence obtained by wire tapping in charges involving treason and disloyalty to the United States. This resolution was passed unanimously in all Committee hearings and before the General Assembly of the Legion Convention.

X. Resolution 21 reflected that the ~~deportation~~ of undesirable aliens and criminal aliens be speeded up.

XI. Resolution 133 ~~opposed~~ admission to the United States of Communist delegates to the World Council of Churches.

MISCELLANEOUS:

I. Mr. Edward Bundy of the Illinois Department of the American Legion confidentially advised Messrs. DeLoach and Hanning on September 2, 1954, that the Illinois delegation to the Legion had become seriously opposed to the continuation of former Inspector Lee Pennington of the Bureau as the Director of the Americanism Division of the American Legion. Bundy stated that Pennington had opposed the Illinois Department regarding the above-mentioned Girl Scout resolution and had actively worked against the Illinois Department and its supporters regarding this resolution. Bundy stated that Pennington, at first, had professed friendship and support of the movement, but afterwards had changed his viewpoint completely and had worked against them. Bundy additionally pointed out that the Illinois Department was extremely irritated at Pennington because he had failed to bring to the floor of

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the General Assembly numerous documents and pamphlets regarding the fight against Communism. This included some several thousand documents which Pennington asked that the FBI prepare for him so that they could be given away on the floor of the General Assembly. Bundy claimed that Pennington stated to the Illinois delegation that authorities at American Legion Headquarters had prevented him from giving out such pamphlets; however, the Illinois delegation conferred with National Commander Arthur J. Connell on September 2, 1954, the last day of the Convention, and Connell claimed that no such orders had been given to Pennington and that the literature in question should be brought to the floor immediately. Bundy is of the opinion that Pennington will not remain long in his present assignment. This matter will be watched closely.

II. On two occasions, once during a meeting of the Americanism Committee and secondly on the floor of the General Assembly, an elderly woman, who identified herself as Agnes Waters, attempted to break up proceedings by making a 20-minute speech on one occasion and on the other occasion distributing literature. She was thrown out of the meetings on both occasions. Our files reflect that Agnes Waters was convicted of a violation of the Registration Act in 1939. She is extremely anti-Semitic and during prewar years was very much pro-Nazi.

OBSERVATIONS:

Representatives to the Americanism Commission of the American Legion are in the majority in opposing Communism and all subversive influences. There are some extremely liberal individuals in this Committee; however, who need to be carefully guided from time to time. There are other individuals such as Messrs. Apter, Woolfson and Belmont Farley who are not actual Committee members, but who hang around the Americanism Committee for the purpose of promoting their own interest. Committee members such as John Barnard of Colorado and Eric Taylor of Rhode Island are very outspoken in their leanings towards the opposition of any resolution which appears anti-Communist. Our files reflect no derogatory information on Barnard and Taylor.

The Bureau liaison representatives to the American Legion will continue to watch the above-mentioned situation very closely.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That the attached letters to the retiring National Commander Arthur J. Connell and the new Commander Seaborn P. Collins be forwarded as recommended.

(2) Resolution number one, which advocated that Legion members should concur with the living code of the Director, was initiated by the Department of Oregon. Mr. Dallas E. Nowlsch, Route One, Box 114 D, Portland, Oregon, was the Departmental Commander at the time the resolution passed. It is recommended that the attached letter of appreciation go forward to Mr. Dallas E. Nowlsch. Files fail to reflect any derogatory information identifiable with Mr. Nowlsch. Resolution number two, commending the FBI, was initiated by the Department of the District of Columbia, whose Commander, at the time the resolution passed was Dr. William Adams, 433 Third Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C. It is suggested that the attached letter to Dr. Adams be forwarded. Files fail to reflect any identifiable information of a derogatory nature concerning him.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: September 8, 1954

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION
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In a memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated September 3, 1954, Mr. Nichols gave the high lights of the American Legion Convention with emphasis on the Bureau's particular interests. The information in this memorandum resulted from coverage of the Legion Convention by Inspector C. D. DeLoach and Special Agent Donald G. Hanning.

On pages 4 and 5 of referenced memorandum under a subcaption "Miscellaneous," there was set forth information received from Mr. Edward Bundy of the Illinois Department of the American Legion which indicated that the Illinois Department was extremely dissatisfied with former Bureau inspector Lee Pennington, now director of the Americanism Commission of the American Legion. It was stated, "...The Illinois Department was extremely agitated at Pennington because he had failed to bring to the floor of the General Assembly numerous documents and pamphlets regarding the fight against Communism. This included some several thousand documents which Pennington asked that the FBI prepare for him so that they could be given away on the floor of the General Assembly." In regard to the above quote, Mr. Tolson noted, "What were they?" and the Director noted, "I would like to know."

In regard to these inquiries, the following is pointed out. In a memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated August 10, 1954, Mr. Nichols advised that Inspector DeLoach and Special Agent Hanning had luncheon on that same date with Pennington at which time matters concerning the forthcoming American Legion Convention were discussed. Pennington specifically requested 5,000 copies of each of the following public source pamphlets which we had previously issued.

- (1) Breaking the Communist Spell (This Week Magazine, 11-1-53)
- (2) Communist Threat in U. S. (U. S. News and World Reports 3-30-51)
- (3) Communist Virus (The Times-Herald, Washington, D. C., 6-21-53)
- (4) How to Fight Communism (Newsweek 6-9-47)
- (5) Red Infiltration of Labor Unions (AF of L "Labor Guide" Preview issue, Fall 1953)
- (6) Where Do We Stand Today with Communism in the U. S. (American Legion Magazine 3-54)

He also desired 2,000 copies of the Congressional Record relative to the recent speech of Senator Barry M. Goldwater who on March 29, 1954, answered Alan Barth's criticism of the FBI. You will recall that Barth's criticism generally concerned FBI reports.

cc - Mr. Nichols
cc - Mr. Holloman

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Mr. Nichols' memorandum of August 10 recommended that we honor Pennington's request for the above-mentioned copies of public source pamphlets as it was felt that the usage of these pamphlets by the American Legion would do much to indicate to the general public the good work of the FBI. This matter was approved by Mr. Nichols and, accordingly, the requested number of the above-indicated pamphlets were reprinted and delivered to Pennington prior to the time the American Legion Convention convened on August 30, 1954.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

ADDENDUM: CDD:rcw 9-8-54. The majority of the above-mentioned pamphlets were distributed on September 2, 1954, the last day of the convention. The remaining few items of literature have been shipped to Indianapolis, Indiana, to American Legion headquarters so that they may be distributed at the next meeting of the Americanism Commission within 45 days ;from now. Mr. Pennington today, while discussing other matters, advised DeLoach that the above-mentioned pamphlets were very well received on the convention floor and that he had heard many favorable comments regarding this literature. He indicated that the American Legion was deeply appreciative to the FBI for the assistance rendered in this matter. He stated that only a few of the pamphlets were left and that these would be handled as indicated above. Copies of the pamphlets are attached for informational purposes.

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and be counted and by taking positive action to attempt to rectify his wrongs. I am always glad to see ex-communists make their change of conscience and philosophy a matter of record, assume earnestly the responsibilities of good citizenship and join in the fight against the evil they formerly espoused, and I welcome the information which they can furnish.

Q. We have asked about past and present dangers. Can you indicate what the communists are planning for 1954 and later?

A. The Communist Party has three primary plans for future action. One is the infiltration of labor. In this respect the party is concentrating on the infiltration of "right-led" unions, or non-communist-dominated unions, and labor unions in the basic industries. Its vicious purpose is both to influence the trade union movement in this country and to be on the ground floor in the event the labor movement ever forms a third major political party in the U. S.

A second diabolical plan is to infiltrate and strengthen its ties within the two major political parties in this country, in order to advance more effectively the interests of the Communist Party within the existing political framework and to bring about a new political realignment in this country on the basis of which the Communist Party hopes ultimately to be the dominating force.

A third and probably the most important plan is the continuation of the so-called "peace offensive." Here the communists are attempting to capitalize on the deep desire of the American people for peace. They would lay sole claim to any real efforts to achieve that goal; yet it is their Soviet masters who make the achievement of world peace

so difficult. In order that we may not be misled by communist peace propaganda, it is important that we understand the Marxist-Leninist distinction between two kinds of peace—lasting peace, obtained only after world revolution; and temporary peace, regarded as a tactical necessity as the tide of revolution ebbs and flows. In short, the peace which figures so prominently in communist propaganda today is a temporary tactical peace designed to strengthen the Soviet Union and to stupefy its adversaries.

Q. The lone individual often feels he can do nothing to fight communism, and in most cases there is not a great deal he can do. However, there are some things open to him. What are they?

A. Every loyal American citizen can and should join in the fight against the communist menace. These are some of the things each person can do:

1. Learn the facts about communism—its history and objectives, its program and techniques in this country. The better informed one becomes, the more rapidly he can detect communist influences and the more intelligently he can fight communism.

2. Through such media as the press and radio, keep up with Russia's stand on matters of foreign policy. The Communist Party in America will take the same position, and the party line will fluctuate as Soviet foreign policy changes. Sudden reversals in Soviet policy will cause members of the party to make sudden similar reversals in their pronouncements, which is one of the best ways to spot communists.

3. Become familiar with the names of organizations publicly cited as communist fronts, and refuse to join such groups, to sponsor their causes or to

contribute to their fund drives.

4. Be alert to communist tactics in unions and other organizations. Outmaneuver them. Keep them under control and in the minority at all times and attempt to eliminate or neutralize their effectiveness. Openly oppose their efforts to promulgate pro-communist activities or resolutions.

5. Keep communists out of official positions in schools, churches and other institutions where they can poison the minds and influence actions of youth.

6. Exercise your privilege to vote and keep communists and their sympathizers out of public office.

7. Develop an intelligent, participating interest in civic affairs and programs for social improvement. Don't let communists claim a monopoly in such matters or move in and direct established programs.

8. Report to the FBI immediately any pertinent information relating to subversive activities.

9. Conduct no private investigations of suspicious persons or organizations, but leave that to trained investigators who are authorized to perform such investigations. Do not become involved in the communist movement for whatever worth-while motives without first discussing the matter thoroughly with the FBI and establishing a cooperative relationship.

10. Learn as much as possible about America—its history, government, culture, laws and heritage of freedom; and make the practice of democracy its own bulwark against subversion. Speak up for America and work for America.



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WHERE DO WE STAND TODAY
WITH COMMUNISM IN THE
UNITED STATES ? *

by J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Question: *Has there been a decline in recent years in the number of communists in the United States?*

Answer: Yes. In January, 1947, there were approximately 74,000 members of the Communist Party in the United States. In July, 1948, the top twelve Communist Party leaders were indicted on charges of violation of the Smith Act. This was the first legal action instituted against the top leadership of the Communist Party. In January, 1949, party membership was approximately 54,000. On October 14, 1949, the Communist Party leaders were found guilty. As of December 31, 1949, party membership numbered less than 53,000. On June 25, 1950, the war in Korea began; and on September 23, 1950, the Internal Security Act of 1950, which called for the registration of all communist action organizations, went into effect. By December 31, 1950, party membership in the United States numbered less than 44,000. On June 4, 1951, the Smith Act was upheld constitutionally, and during the summer of 1951, additional communist leaders were indicted under this act. By January, 1952, party membership totaled less than 32,000; and as of September 30, 1953, it numbered approximately 24,000. That is a decrease of 50,000 members, or about two-thirds of the total membership, since January, 1947.

Question: *Has there been a corresponding decline in communist influence in the United States?*

Answer: I would not say that communist influence has declined in direct ratio to the decrease in members. The influence of the communist movement can never be determined in terms of members. Many of the members who have dropped out of the Communist Party are still sympathetic with some of the aims of the party and can still be counted on to assist in certain phases of party work. The large number of members who have defected or have been expelled in recent years does not represent the most influential or the most devoted members. Those who now

remain in the Communist Party are essentially the real nucleus of hard-core communists who are devoted to Marxism-Leninism and are willing to obey any party instructions. Essentially they are the members who were the most influential six years ago. The party still has its publications, its schools and its fellow travelers. On the other hand, the prosecution and incarceration of the leading functionaries have forced the current leadership underground; which has hurt their effectiveness. Public exposure has neutralized the influence of many other members. These factors have been a damaging blow to the over-all influence of the party.

Question: *What has been the greatest blow suffered by the communists in this country in recent years?*

Answer: Unquestionably, the greatest blow they have suffered has been the successful prosecution by the Government of over 60 of their leaders for violation of the Smith Act. This has deprived the party of much of its most powerful leadership, disrupted many of its operations and heavily drained its financial resources. It has thrown confusion, uncertainty and fear into the rank-and-file membership. It has made them realize how thoroughly they have been investigated for a long period of time and how closely their activities have been observed, with the result that they have gone underground and have invoked such strict security measures among the membership that they cannot operate nearly so effectively as in past years. It has revealed to them that some of their most trusted comrades were actually informants for the Government, which has created suspicion and distrust of their associates. It has caused many of the less devoted Marxists to drop out of the party, and some of them to make a full disclosure to the FBI of their knowledge of communist activities. It has turned the spotlight on the communist con-

spiracy against this country; so that the American public has now seen it in true perspective and has taken an enlightened stand against this foreign-inspired menace. This positive action by the Government has been and continues to be a staggering blow to the Communist Party.

Question: *What is our greatest present danger from American communism?*

Answer: So long as public opinion is aroused and there is widespread resistance to communist infiltration the greatest danger lies in the moment of great emergency which would arise should the Soviets try a "Pearl Harbor" sneak attack. Then, by disrupting our defense program, they could do us the most damage. It is of utmost importance to the security of our nation that we maintain a constant state of preparedness to repel successfully any attack and to deal swiftly and effectively with any aggressor. Any breakdown in our productive ability would imperil our national security now, and would create a crucial situation in the event of open hostilities. For that reason we must take every precaution to safeguard our productive might.

Question: *Do you think the public has been getting a fair picture of the danger from communists within this country?*

Answer: I feel that the press, radio, television and Congressional investigating committees have done much in recent years to educate the public as to the nature, operations and objectives of communism; and the educational program of The American Legion has been particularly effective.

Question: *Do you think the public now understands and appreciates the danger?*

Answer: Those who are interested in learning about the communist menace have certainly had the opportunity to become better informed during recent years; but, of course, there are many people who are apathetic about the danger and consequently have little or no understanding of it.

Question: *Because of the Korean War most Americans now recognize the overall menace of armed aggression. They also know that Soviet spies have been at work in this country. However, is it not true that most Americans are hazy when it comes to communist fronts, how they operate, and what should be done about them?*

Answer: The fact that there are so many communist front groups now operating in the United States

leaves no doubt that many Americans have not checked into the underlying purpose and nature of such organizations before becoming affiliated with them.

Communist front groups are organizations of a disguised character which the Communist Party uses to further its aims. They would appear on the surface not to be under communist control, and their ostensible objectives would seem to be entirely legitimate. Only in this way can they attract the support of many individuals who would not openly uphold a known Communist Party program.

Front groups are particularly valuable to the Communist Party as a recruiting field for potential party members, as a source of funds, as a pressure group advocating a particular communist program and

as a means of disseminating communist propaganda. They are established either by actually organizing a new group around a particular issue or by infiltrating a legitimate existing organization. Among those who participate in front groups are open Communist Party members, concealed communists, fellow travelers and communist sympathizers.

Legal action has been taken with respect to such organizations. The Internal Security Act of 1950 provides that organizations determined by the Subversive Activities Control Board to be communist front organizations, and officers of these organizations, must register with the Attorney General; and certain restrictions are placed upon such organizations and persons. The Subversive Activities Control Board has been holding hearings on certain organizations on the Attorney General's list, to determine whether they are communist front organizations within the provisions of this Act.

It is highly important that any person "Stop, Look and Listen" before he allows his name to be used by any newly created organization with whose aims he is not completely familiar.

Q. You have often predicted that the communists would go underground when things became hot. With public resentment increasing, hasn't there been a general movement from open communist organizations to more or less nebulous front organizations?

A. Very definitely. Almost all Communist Party activity is being carried on in a disguised manner. Many of the top leaders and most trusted members of the party have gone underground, and the rank-and-file membership carry on party activities through communist front organizations and even through infiltrating legitimate organizations. For example, under party instructions they have joined Parent-Teacher Associations, church, civic and similar groups in which you would not expect to find them. They are transferred to different sections of the country where they as-

sume fictitious names and backgrounds and infiltrate unsuspecting groups and right-led labor unions in order to further the communist program. Therefore it will be increasingly difficult for unsuspecting citizens to detect communist influence in organizational activities.

Q. This, then, means a tougher problem for Americans since the fight moves into a twilight zone. Issues are confused, and the public is confused. How can communism be fought most effectively in America today?

A. I have always felt that an alert, informed citizenry is our most potent weapon against communism. The vast majority of Americans are patriotic, loyal citizens. They abhor treachery, deceit and any forces which would deprive us of our freedom and democratic liberties, and will not long tolerate the perpetuation of such evils. Through the schools, churches, press and radio, the public should be given the facts about communism. Not through demagoguery or appeal to their prejudices and fears, but through a clear, factual, truthful presentation, the public should continue to be informed of the real purposes, objectives, loyalties and methods of operation of the Communist Party. Because communist strategy is based on deceit and its true motives are concealed, communism cannot flourish under the spotlight of truth. The more fully it becomes exposed to the public eye, the more limited becomes its area of effective operations and the more restricted the number of people who will be duped into serving its evil purposes.

Along with informing the public of the truth concerning communism, and publicly exposing it as the foreign-inspired conspiracy that it is, another effective method of fighting communism is by prosecuting communists for violations of Federal law.

Q. Where can the private citizen go to get authentic information about organizations and individuals he suspects?

A. To determine the organizations which have been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450, one should either contact the Department of Justice or refer to issues of the "Federal Register" dated May 12, 1953, July 21, 1953, and October 6, 1953, which contain all designations by the Attorney General up to September 25, 1953. The fact that a particular organization does not appear on the Attorney General's list, however, does not necessarily mean that the organization is clear of subversive influ-

ence. Actually that organization may be under investigation, and an individual should be careful of what organizations he joins and should keep his eyes open to detect communist influence. With regard to obtaining authentic information about individuals he suspects as being communists, there is no one single source to which he can go to obtain complete information. The FBI must necessarily keep the contents of its files confidential.

Q. How can the individual assist the FBI in its investigation of subversive activities?

A. By voluntarily furnishing any information he may have concerning subversive activities to the FBI, and by cooperating in any way he can when requested to by the FBI, the individual is not only rendering valuable assistance but is also measuring up to the responsibilities of good citizenship.

Q. Specifically, if a person feels he has valuable information, how should he go about offering it?

A. He can write to me personally; he can go in person to the nearest field office of the FBI; or he can call the nearest field office and arrange for a Special Agent to contact him. The telephone number of the appropriate FBI Office is listed on the first page of all telephone directories. He can be certain that his assistance is appreciated and that his identity will be kept confidential if he so desires.

Q. There is a certain amount of confusion in the public mind concerning the functions of the FBI. Some people feel that "we should not permit Congress to go after alleged subversives since this is a function of the FBI." Others maintain that the FBI could round up all the subversives in the country on short notice; therefore, what are we worrying about?

For the record, will you explain just what the FBI can do and what it is not permitted to do?

A. By Presidential directives, legislative enactments and instructions of the Attorney General the FBI has the responsibility of investigating espionage, sabotage, subversive activities and related domestic intelligence matters and of serving as a coordinating agency for the dissemination of domestic intelligence information to other Federal agencies authorized to receive it. The FBI is a fact-finding agency and does not institute prosecutive action on the basis of its investigative findings. In-

formation reflecting a violation of Federal law is referred to the Department of Justice for an opinion as to prosecution. Any information received which pertains to the responsibilities of some other government agency is transmitted directly to that agency without recommendation or evaluation.

While the FBI for years has exposed the communist conspiracy, it cannot divulge the confidential details of its files as to specific individuals. A Congressional committee having the power of subpoena and contempt citation is able to focus public attention on specific situations.

Q. Can a person who believes that the FBI has wrongly pegged him as a communist present his side of the case so the record shows his version?

A. Not only can he present his version, but the FBI welcomes any such person's coming in and relating his story. We are a fact-finding organization and we are just as zealous to protect the innocent as we are to detect those who pose a threat to the internal security of our country.

Q. Ex-communists are held in low regard by some people who maintain that they shouldn't be trusted and their testimony is worthless. What is your experience with ex-communists in this respect? Have these people to any great extent redeemed themselves by the help they have given you?

A. The assistance which ex-communists have given to the FBI has been invaluable. Having had their eyes opened to the true nature of the communist conspiracy, many of them have re-evaluated the privileges of American citizenship, have realized the duties inherent in such citizenship, and, through making a full disclosure to the FBI of the information they possess, have made contributions of great value to the internal security of this country. The truth of their testimony has been verified by corroborating evidence. Many ex-communists have been tested by vigorous and searching cross-examination, and their opponents have been unable to contradict their testimony. Many of them have suffered ostracism, public rebuke and social distrust as a result of their breaking with the Communist Party and testifying against it. All religions teach that redemption is possible for any man who sincerely repents and seeks to make amends for his errors. The sincerity of a former communist can be judged by his willingness to stand up

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ently owes an allegiance to a way of life different from that of the average American citizen.

Q Does that mean that he doesn't necessarily owe allegiance to the Moscow Government?

A No. He owes allegiance to the science of Marxism-Leninism and his motherland is the Soviet Union.

Q Yet he might be in favor of revolution in this country in order to introduce Marxism, and still not wish to have it controlled by Russia—could you draw that distinction?

A I don't think you can draw such a distinction.

Q Do you think that Communism is Moscow-led?

A The record speaks for itself. The Communist Party in the United States from its inception has never deviated from the Moscow line.

Q You think, in other words, they owe allegiance to Moscow rather than to the United States?

A There is no question about it.

Q And you think that these people, if they really were to tell the truth, would have to admit that they prefer to have Moscow rather than Washington run the United States?

A Very definitely.

Q How do you arrive at that conclusion—what evidence do you have of that?

A The evidence is clear and unequivocal on that point. It was established in the trial of the eleven Communist leaders in New York. It has been developed through the testimony of old-time Communists who have broken with the Communist Party, and the best evidence, of course, is the record which, as I indicated a moment ago, shows that the Communist Party in the United States has never deviated from the Moscow line from the time of its inception until the present time.

Q You mean every little whim of Stalin has been followed by a veering of the line over here?

A Yes.

Agents Follow Communists Underground

Q When you say that the Communist Party "has gone underground," or has become more and more an "underground" organization, what do you mean?

A By that I mean that all that remains of the Communist Party at the present time above ground is a self-constituted core, which for appearance's sake maintains a public contact. As a manifestation of what is meant by the Party "going underground" we might point to the fact that members of the Communist Party have increasingly taken up activities in other groups, in other organizations and fronts. The party itself has not issued membership cards for some three

years, and there has been a rather drastic decentralization in the operation of the party. They are holding fewer and fewer public meetings.

The members have been conditioned, during the past few years, to act on their own by applying the fundamentals of Marxism-Leninism to the problem at hand. Membership records no longer exist, Communist Party clubs, which at one time would number a hundred people, have been broken down into groups which have only three to five members today. The very actions of the individuals give a pretty clear picture of the fact that they don't want to be out in the open. They're sending couriers from district to district, and by word of mouth are passing out party orders.

Q Do you have a means of checking up on them just the same, even though they have "gone underground"?

A Oh, yes.

Q You have undercover agents in various parts of the United States?

A Yes. This technique is necessary in keeping abreast with clandestine operations of any subversive organization.

Party Punishes 'Guilt by Suspicion'

Q Do they trust party loyalty any more?

A They have a very strict loyalty program of their own which has resolved all doubts against the individual, and if there has been the slightest suspicion he has been expelled from the party.

Q They are thrown out by means of "guilt by association," are they not?

A I think they go a step further—"guilt by suspicion."

Q In other words, no matter what your reputation is, they won't accept it if they want to accuse you?

A That's right.

Q What are their means of punishment?

A Their chief means, of course, is to expel an individual from the party.

Q Isn't it quite a severe penalty to a conscientious Communist to be expelled?

A Yes, and not only that but expulsion carries with it not only ostracization from old friends in the party, but brings down upon the individual vituperation and the recommended party treatment for so-called stool pigeons.

Q Do you feel that their loyalty test is fair to the little fellow who is really a conscientious Communist?

A From the standpoint of fairness I would say that Communists have falsely accused some of their mem-

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COMMUNIST THREAT IN U.S.

AN INTERVIEW WITH J. EDGAR HOOVER

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

EDITOR'S NOTE: How much of a threat are Communists to the security of the United States? How can the average citizen recognize Communists? Does a drive against subversive activity bring "thought control" in its wake?

To answer these and other questions, U.S. News & World Report invited to its conference rooms J. Edgar Hoover, the man who fought espionage and sabotage in World War II and, since then, has taken on the problems of Communist infiltration and the possibility of sabotage. The interview follows.

J. EDGAR HOOVER, to many people, is the personification of law enforcement. For nearly 27 years he has headed the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He has caught criminals himself, established the FBI Academy for training police officers and made the "G man" a national hero.

Mr. Hoover started out in life to be a minister. But by the time he finished high school he had determined to become a lawyer. He entered the Department of Justice as a file reviewer, was appointed to the FBI in 1921, became its chief in 1924.

Q Is there a public misconception, Mr. Hoover, of the functions of the FBI?

A Yes. In the public mind any investigation is often associated with the FBI. This is particularly true in connection with matters pertaining to internal security. The public is aware of the FBI's responsibility for the investigation of espionage, sabotage and subversive activities. Other phases relating to internal security have been assigned to other agencies of Government—illegal entry of aliens to the Immigration and Naturalization Service; the physical security and guarding of atomic installations to the Atomic Energy Commission, and plant protection to the Munitions Board.

The Munitions Board has the responsibility for establishing standards, policies and procedures of security for industries producing defense materials. The FBI has no responsibility whatsoever for physical security within a plant.

Q What is the biggest single menace, so to speak, that we have to be on guard against?

A Our most urgent objective is to prevent any disruption of our mobilization program, and we must take every preventive step possible to safeguard our productive might should we be faced with a grave national emergency. The most important single menace to our internal security is the Communist Party, U.S.A., its members, fellow travelers and sympathizers.

Q You mean if there should be war there would probably be activity on the part of our enemies here?

A There is no question as to that and an analogy can be drawn from the events of Dec. 7, 1941. Prior to

that time there was widespread speculation that an outbreak of sabotage was soon to occur. It didn't occur. And one of the primary reasons it didn't was because of years of concentrated effort by the FBI. Potential saboteurs had been identified. When war did come it was possible to effect their apprehension promptly and take those regarded as dangerous before hearing boards to judge their cases. The FBI, of course, does not pass upon guilt or innocence.

Q Are the Communists active now?

A They are exceedingly active.

Q By "active" do you mean that they are putting themselves in a position to commit acts of sabotage?

A While there has been a decline in Communist Party strength, this simply means that the Party has purged itself of those concerning whom it had doubts. Others have dropped out of the party because of the pressure of public opinion, or because of a fear of legislation which has been enacted on local, county, State and federal levels. Then there is another group which has been taken out of the active membership of the party and has gone underground for possible action at a later date.

Q The numbers that you have in this chart (see page 35)—does that represent the net remainder?

A That represents the total number of avowed members of the party. The party hasn't issued cards for three years.

Q Do you feel that these members of the party are potential enemies, or might be involved in actual espionage?

A Every avowed Communist, every "hard core" Communist, every indoctrinated Communist inher-

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bers who were innocent of charges of furnishing information to the FBI.

Q A number like 43,217 Communists in America—so few, comparatively—can they be dangerous?

A It must be remembered that there are actually six levels to the Communist Party. In the first instance, you have the professional Communist who was referred to in other years as the card-carrying member of the party. Secondly, there is the concealed Communist. Then there are the sympathizer, the fellow-traveler, the innocent who has been duped by the Communists, and, finally, there is the opportunist. The Communists themselves have made the boast that for every party member there are 10 others ready, willing and able to do the party's work.

Q What do you think the strategically placed Communist could do in the event an emergency occurred—what types of dangers do they present?

A There is always the fear of sabotage in vital areas. There is the ever-present danger of stirring up domestic strife, creating disturbances, bringing about slowdowns in industry. We saw the Communist at work during the period of the Berlin-Moscow pact, when for practical purposes certain aircraft plants were shut down as a result of the actions of a small group of Communists. Then, too, the party serves as a base for recruits for the Soviet espionage service.

Q Is that a real service?

A Very definitely.

Q The FBI has told the public to watch out for specific matters, such as foreign submarine landings. Have you had any reason to believe that will happen?

A It has been only a few short years since the Nazis landed eight men by submarine on our shores.

Q Couldn't Communists just come walking over our Southern border?

A As we become more security conscious and tighten up our security they will find it far more difficult.

Of Parachutists and Poison

Q What is there to the suspicion about parachute landings—what makes you think they may happen?

A We received any number of reports during World War II of alleged parachute landings. In a few instances there was some delay in reporting that information to the authorities with the consequent result that rumors became rife and near panic resulted in certain areas.

Q In other words, the planting of rumors for the purpose of causing panic?

A That's correct. But if there are reports or suspicions to that effect, then the information should be given to the FBI very promptly.

Q What is the theory about the poisoning of the public water supplies—aren't you guarding those pretty carefully?

A The FBI does not have the responsibility of guarding the water supply. That responsibility belongs to the local authorities and other agencies.

Q You speak of various activities of a suspicious nature the public may hear about, such as individuals loitering in a restricted area. That would be a matter to report to local police rather than the FBI, wouldn't it?

A It would depend, of course, on the area. If it were a military reservation, either the military or the FBI should be notified at once.

If it were a public utility, the local police should receive the report. In any event, if there were any basis for suspicion of espionage, sabotage or subversive activities, the information should also be reported to the FBI because subversive activities are nationwide in their scope of operation. An individual loitering in an isolated restricted area may very well come from some point far removed, and the local authorities would have no reason to have knowledge of his background. On the other hand, the FBI might very well have information on him. It is conceivable that he might be one of the individuals who had dropped out of the Communist Party for underground service for the party.

Cleanup by the Unions

Q What is the activity of Communists inside labor unions, according to the information you have?

A We, of course, do not investigate labor unions, nor do we concern ourselves with employer-employee relationships. We have, however, investigated innumerable instances of Communist infiltration into labor unions. The Communists today do not have the power that they once had, nor do they have the influence they once had in labor unions. The great majority of labor leaders and organizations are alert to Communist infiltration.

Q They have done a good job in cleaning them out?

A They've done an excellent job.

Q And the labor unions and their leaders have cooperated to the fullest extent with the FBI?

A That's right, in the great majority of instances.

Q Is it possible, however, that even they may not be able to detect all the Communists?

A It is entirely possible that a concealed Communist may hide in the most unsuspected and unlikely place.

Q Couldn't he cause trouble even if he weren't an officer but merely a malcontent?

A Definitely.

Q By stirring up the men on some issue?

A Yes.

Q Is there evidence that that kind of thing goes on in some labor unions?

A There has been evidence that it has occurred.

Q In other words, when they cleaned out these Communists from the labor unions, did we get from

... 'The very essence of Communism is deceit'

it an idea of how the Communists worked and what they did in the labor unions?

A Ordinarily they would try to get their members into positions of influence in the union, have them become officers wherever possible. They would have a Communist bloc at the meetings, which would usually be the first to arrive and the last to leave. They studied the issues, were very glib on their feet and were trained to speak on issues. They gave an excellent account of their ability to heckle and harass other speakers and officers. In filibustering they had few equals.

Q It may be that many of our labor leaders were ignorant of these techniques?

A I am sure that patriotic and loyal labor leaders are now aware of their tactics.

Q So that popular education on the subject of the techniques of the Communists is essential?

A Yes. Education is one of the most important factors in combating Communism. Communism cannot compete with our own American way of life, and that is one of the reasons why the Communists employ deceit. The very essence of Communism is deceit, and only by constant education in the truth can you really combat Communism, on a long-range, permanent basis.

Q Are there any distinguishing characteristics—or is there any way you can spot a Communist?

A By their actions.

Q They don't look different?

A No.

Q Do you feel that there is less of a tendency to scoff at the charge that we have a lot more Communists in America today than there were, say, five years ago?

A I think the public has been educated to a great extent. Legislative investigating committees and the press have helped in the process of educating the public.

Q Would you say it was a favorite Communist technique to belittle the amount of Communist activity here?

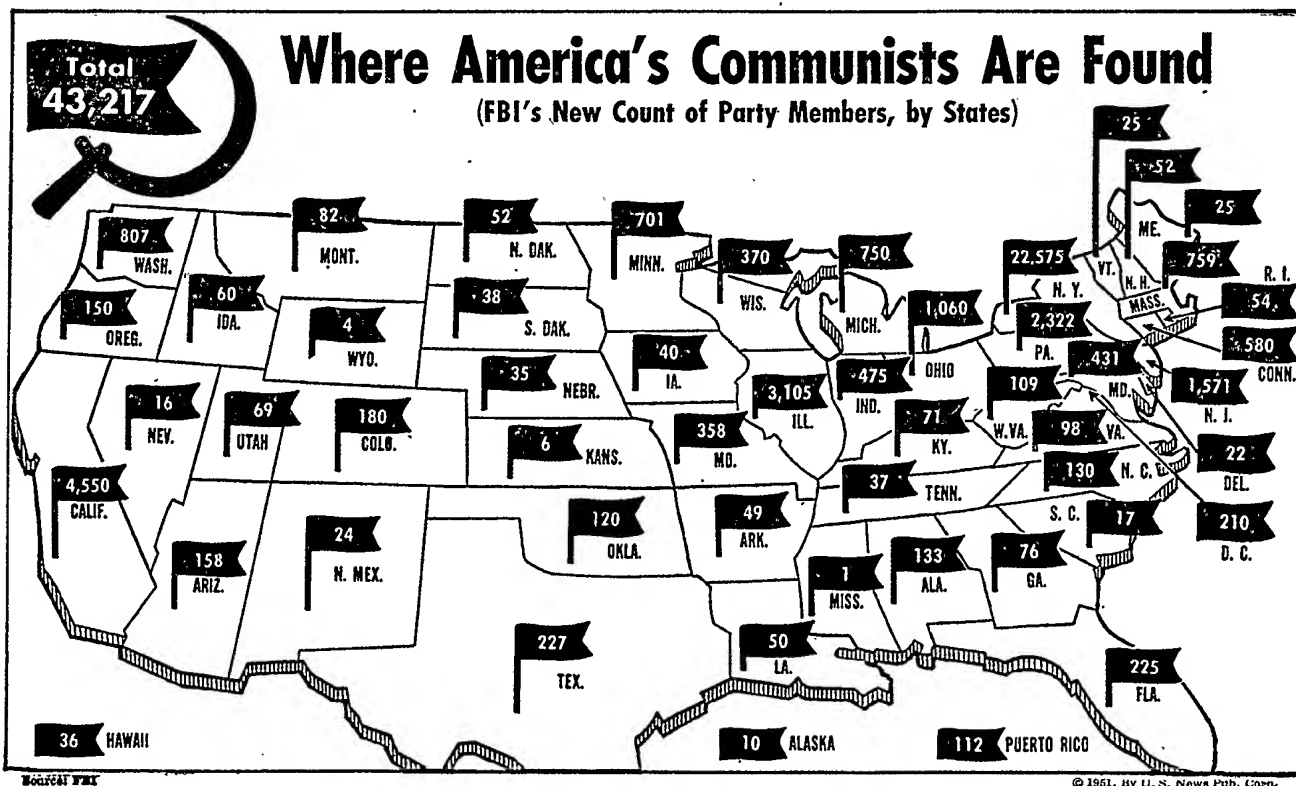
A Very definitely.

Q Have you seen evidence of that?

A As an illustration, a few years ago, there was a Communist Action group which was hard pressed in a given area, primarily through the energetic efforts of a few individuals. So to counteract these few anti-Communists, the Communists developed a technique: Whenever anybody would denounce Communists, they would say, "What's wrong with being a Communist?" And the average person had given little thought to the subject. They knew they didn't like Communism, but were at a disadvantage with a trained Communist agitator.

Q You spoke a moment ago about their being

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... 'No evidence to substantiate charge of "thought control"'

"trained in deceit." Do you think that they hesitate to lie under oath?

A I don't think there is any question but that they would lie under oath, if it would further the Communist aim.

Q *In other words, they would issue denials promptly when they are charged with being Communists?*

A Yes. A fundamental premise of Marxism-Leninism is that whatever advances the Communist cause is moral.

Why Communists Go to Court

Q *Is part of their technique to take accusations to court, or before some tribunal—would they intimidate that way?*

A There have been instances where they have been quick to file libel suits.

Q *That would be for the purpose of throwing their accusers off the track?*

A Partially, and to discourage others from making similar charges.

Q *In the various cases you have investigated, have you had many instances in which Communists had previously lied under oath before the full facts and the truth was developed?*

A Yes. There have been several instances of that type.

Q *Have you any reason to believe that those who lie under oath do so as a result of their loyalty to the party, which commands them to do it, or would you say they are just congenital liars?*

A I would say it's a dedication to the principle of Marxism-Leninism.

Q *In other words, the end justifies the means?*

A That's right.

Q *Are you always able to prove that they are lying?*

A Not always. To prove that they are engaging in falsehood it is necessary to have legal evidence. Sometimes this proof is most difficult to obtain.

Q *Do you have many Communists who are under suspicion, whom you are actually watching through your operatives from day to day? Are you watching a lot of people?*

A We have a relatively small force when you take into consideration that there is approximately one special agent to every 29,000 inhabitants in this country. With some 43,217 members of the Communist Party, and only 5,200 agents—it's a physical impossibility to keep all of them under surveillance.

Local Authorities Help

Q *What co-operation do you get from local authorities?*

A We have excellent co-operation from the local authorities. Our policy is to devote our energies and man power on a selective basis, and watch carefully those who we feel are potentially the most dan-

gerous, and who are engaged in definite subversive activity.

Q *Don't we often hear the statement made that we are developing a "police state?" What is your answer to that?*

A So far as the FBI is concerned, the best answer is to look at the record. As a matter of policy the FBI does not undertake any activity unless it is pursuant to congressional directive or executive directive. The FBI must constantly justify its procedures and policies to the Department of Justice, to the Attorney General and his assistants, to the Budget Bureau, and, on an annual basis, it must go before the appropriation committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Q *Could there be abuses by individual agents without your detecting them?*

A The FBI is a human agency and it can make mistakes, but when these occur you can be certain that we will hear about them and in such instances we always make a full inquiry into the facts. Our work is constantly under the scrutiny of the courts and other authorities, and we could not long survive if there were abuses.

Q *In other words, the safeguard of this country is the fact that when you have had somebody confined he is entitled to a fair trial and special counsel?*

A And the FBI does not arrest anybody on its own initiative. Arrests are made only after the facts have been presented to the appropriate prosecuting authorities, who evaluate the evidence and arrive at a decision as to whether or not prosecutive action should take place.

'Thought Control' Denied

Q *What would you say to the charge often made that we are engaging in the practice of "thought control" with our constant watching of the activities of Communists?*

A The FBI is concerned not with what Communists think but with what they do—their actions, just as in every other field of its investigative activity. There is no scintilla of evidence to substantiate the charge that the FBI is engaged in "thought control" activities.

Q *What about disapproving speakers?*

A The FBI does not approve or disapprove of speakers. That is not our concern.

Q *It doesn't have a record on them for which someone can write in to you?*

A No, sir. The files of the FBI are confidential, and the contents cannot be used for that purpose.

Q *Does the FBI gather data on important persons or Government officials?*

A There is no basis in fact for that.

We do not investigate anyone unless there is an allegation which, if true, comes within a congressional or executive directive assigned to the FBI.

Q *What would you say to the statement which is:*

... 'Communist Party is subservient to Soviet foreign policy'

often made that, after all, the Communist Party isn't really different from the Republican Party or the Democratic Party? Isn't it argued that it is a political party, and as such shouldn't have any more interference than any other political party would have?

A The record provides the answer to your question. If the Communist Party had the same aims and objectives as the Republican or Democratic Party they would not be "going underground" nor would they seek to conceal their activities as they do. The concept that they are a political party is primarily derived from the Communists' own propaganda which is designed to defend their activities.

Q *Have you ever seen any record of the Communist Party filing publicly the sources of its funds, as the Republican and Democratic parties do?*

A No. There is no question about that.

Q *Don't the people who furnish money to the Communists try to hide that?*

A Definitely.

Q *Is that possibly due to public opprobrium, or is it because they get themselves into trouble—what is the reason for hiding their finances?*

A I think there are two basic reasons: one, they want no evidence of their link with the Communist Party and, two, they are fearful of the repercussions of public opinion.

Power From President and Congress

Q *What is the FBI's authority to keep track of the Communists?*

A The President of the United States has, by directive, placed the responsibility upon the FBI of receiving all information on subversive activities, and, likewise, to co-ordinate all investigation of espionage, sabotage and other related matters. Then, too, the Smith Act passed by Congress in 1940 makes it a crime to advocate the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force and violence. The eleven Communist leaders were convicted of violating this Act. Also the Internal Security Act of 1950 places certain responsibilities upon us. That statute also provides that individuals fitting into a certain category in time of war would be subject to detention.

Q *Would you say, then, that if the Communist Party operated as the Republican or Democratic Party and confined itself to a mere discussion of some different economic system than we have, you wouldn't be spending your time worrying about it?*

A But the Communist Party would never do that because the Communist Party is a way of life, and their ultimate objective is to destroy our way of life by violence rather than by constitutional means.

Q *If that's the case, would you say that it is the link between the Communist Party and this plot to overthrow our Government that differentiates them from the usual political party?*

A That is one factor. In addition, the Communist

Party, as evidenced by the record, is subservient to Soviet foreign policy. It has no regard for our traditions, no respect for our institutions. It would replace all religion with a Marxist-Leninist philosophy that does not recognize the existence of God; it seeks to infiltrate and corrupt our educational system. In short, there is no basis for comparing the American Communist Party with an American political party. As Justice [Learned] Hand said, in effect, in upholding the conviction of the eleven Communist leaders, you don't have to wait until the country is overthrown before you take action against the person you know is trying to overthrow it.

FBI Against 'Hysteria'

Q *Isn't it possible that by asking for the co-operation of the citizens of the country in reporting subversive activities, some of these citizens may just be encouraged to circulate malicious gossip or idle rumor, and engage in "witch hunts"? Isn't that a danger?*

A I think that citizens co-operating with the FBI provide the greatest barrier you could possibly have against "witch hunts" and hysteria; because, if the citizen has a suspicion, it is his duty to turn it over to the FBI and from that time on do nothing unless he receives a request.

Q *We really have quite a number of investigative agencies in various Government departments, haven't we?*

A That's correct.

Q *It can't be said that we have one single agency which has complete investigative control?*

A That's correct. Each of the investigative agencies is a specialist in its own field.

Q *Do you hold that is a good thing or that they ought to be concentrated in one place?*

A I think it is a healthy situation as each federal agency has its special field of operations. An investigative agency functions best when it is highly mobile and tightly administered.

Protection in Jury Trial

Q *All investigative agencies—when they make an arrest—have to come to a court and prove their case before a judge or jury and the defendant has the right of counsel no matter how poor he is, hasn't he?*

A That is the American way.

Q *So the greatest check against a "Gestapo" in America is our free system of court procedure?*

A A "Gestapo" under the American system would be an impossibility. In addition to the protection of our courts and Congress we have a free press, which would quickly spot injustices or any excesses on the part of any Government agency.

Q *Does the Communist system offer any such benefits or protection?*

A None whatever.

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*A Message from
J. Edgar Hoover*

BREAKING THE COMMUNIST SPELL

IN AMERICA today, there are hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people, once duped by Communism, who have since broken with the Party. This article has been written in a sincere effort to reach them and enlist their help in wiping out the Soviet conspiracy which threatens our country.

With a few exceptions, most of the former Communists have remained silent. Here are some of the reasons: First of all, the individual may be fearful — either of revenge from the Communists or criticism by loyal Americans.

Then, in many cases, he may still be striving to break the bonds which have enslaved his mind. When one has believed that the course he wholeheartedly followed in the past was the right one, he cannot change everything overnight. The awakening may be slow and painful.

Which Duty?

AND, even when his eyes are fully open to the truth, he may feel that he cannot break silence. He may feel that he owes a duty to those persons whom he recruited or encouraged to join the Party. He may feel that his motives in joining the Party were good, that he never wilfully violated any law but rather was pursuing a course which he then considered noble. He cannot morally bring himself to the point of furnishing incriminating information about those former associates with whom he shared beliefs. Here he faces the test — the emotional struggle between his duty or sympathy to former associates, and his duty to his

country, humanity, and his God. What should he do?

The question is a moral one. Each ex-Communist must decide for himself where his duty lies. We of the FBI have known and talked with many who were going through this painful process of decision. **Once his eyes are open, the ex-Communist sees the evils which Communism has forced upon individuals and nations.** But at the same time, he may feel a sense of loyalty to those persons who, like himself, entered the Communist movement with certain ideals. They, like him, refused to accept passively the injustices and prejudices of their society. They gave themselves passionately and wholeheartedly to the movement which claims to be the only cure for the world's social and economic ills.

Can he now turn his back on his former associates and furnish information concerning their activities which may incriminate them? Can he now become an example of what he has been taught in the Party to hate — a "stool pigeon" and "informant"? The very idea may be morally distasteful to him.

On the other hand the ex-Communist has, through a slow, agonizing process of disillusionment, had the foundations of his faith shattered. He has come to realize that the Communist conspiracy stands for the social evils he deplored. If this conspiracy is successful in the achievement of its objectives, he and his friends and their children will be the tragic victims of the evils they erroneously thought they were fighting.

So now the ex-Communist faces this question:

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Is he actually "protecting" his former associates by withholding the information he possesses? Or is he not in reality endangering them, as well as his family, himself and his society? His silence enables the Party to continue without detection its evil designs.

Where lies his higher loyalty — to his former Communist associates who, by their adherence to the Party line, willfully or unwittingly would destroy the freedom and liberties he cherishes? Or, to his country which, with its admitted imperfections, remains the ultimate hope of freedom among all nations of the world?

If the ex-Communist is sincere and has truly come to realize that the "good" cause to which he had formerly given himself is in fact an evil, his moral duty is clear. He must combat the evil principles and the evil consequences. These principles not only hold his friends in mental bondage; they are also constantly drawing new victims into the slave pit. The choice must be made.

A Big Weapon

THE ex-Communist holds in his hands weapons which can strike a mighty blow against a terrible evil. He inflicts a minor wound by leaving the Communist party. (Such a wound is partly healed with the addition of a new member to the Party.) But, when the ex-Communist withdraws and at the same time makes a full disclosure to the proper authorities, he does irreparable damage to the cause. He places his change of philosophy, conscience and action on the record. He is restoring himself to the ranks of good citizenship and is making amends for his wrongs against America resulting from his Party activities. He is protecting now and in the future his family and our way of life.

And the FBI needs his help. Citizenship carries with it certain

obligations. Some people, however, while claiming their rights, completely ignore their duties. This lack of responsibility is reflected in the attitude of those who say flatly: "It's the FBI's job to catch spies. Why should I tell them anything?"

The logic of such a person is like that of the man who sees an escaped leopard stalking his child and does nothing because it isn't his job to corral animals!

Menace Exposed

THOSE individuals who place information they have regarding the Communist conspiracy in the proper hands are making a contribution of great value to the security of their country. The events of the recent past bear witness to this fact.

The information given by former Communists has alerted the public to the terrible menace by exposing the very nature of the Communist underground and by revealing the manner in which the Communists operate. Such information has disclosed the frightening fact that some channels of public opinion have been infiltrated, and that some faculties of some educational institutions have been penetrated by Communists. Such information has enabled labor unions to learn of the conspirators' tactics and to thwart them. It has put the plain label of "Communist" on some party members who long served the conspiracy behind the respectable title of "liberal."

In similar fashion it ripped the cloak of innocence off numerous Communist fronts. Through firsthand experience the negative features of Communism are revealed and Americans, by contrast, gain a deep and humble appreciation of our free democratic way of life.

Former members of the Communist Party have testified before loyalty hearing boards regarding

individuals known to them as present or past members of the Communist Party. Others have presented information in hearings where individuals were seeking to become United States citizens, as well as in instances where the authorities had instituted denaturalization proceedings. The testimony of former Communists has been utilized in unmasking Communist individuals before Congressional Committees and in proving perjury in court.

But it is in the field of general intelligence information that former Communists have made their greatest contribution to the security of America. Data furnished by former Communists to the FBI has afforded a more detailed and enlarged picture of past Communist activities. This information serves further as a guide to the FBI not only in keeping abreast of subversive activity, but also in foreseeing and preparing against future plans of those who would destroy America.

Trip Old Members

THE Federal Bureau of Investigation would not have its broad knowledge of the formidable Soviet underground had it not been for numerous Communist defectors. Contributions of former Communist Party members to the security of the United States are obviously of the greatest present value. The full extent of those contributions may not be generally apparent until some time in the future. Information furnished by them on past membership in the Party often is as valuable as information on present membership, for this reason: the old member who may give every indication of having dropped out of the Party may actually be operating in an underground assignment.

The outraged cries of the Communists against defectors would

be humorous were the situation less serious. The Communists imply that the use of informants began with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and denounce the FBI for spying against them. They forget that spying has always been an integral part of Soviet life, and that American Communists apply this same principle within the Party. The Communists include secret entry and search of members' personal property, and reporting on the results of the search.

The individual contributions of former members of the Communist Party to the security of our way of life are shining examples of people who have recognized their mistakes and are doing all within their power to rectify them.

Deserve Respect

THESE people deserve the nation's respect, and their neighbors' fair-minded forgiveness for their past devotion to Communism. Their means of livelihood must be protected, and loyal Americans must accept their sincere repentance as a return to the full scope of citizenship. All great religions teach that the sinner can always redeem himself. Who, then, shall sit in judgment on the ex-Communist? Who dare deny him the promise held out to those who repent of the evil they have done and who try to make amends?

For our part, at the FBI, we have always sought to recognize the very real human and personal problems facing the ex-Communists who have come to our offices to make such amends. We have assured them, if they have asked us to keep their confidence, that all revelations will be regarded as confidential until they are willing — as they will be if their repentance is sincere — to use their knowledge as testimony in trials or loyalty hearings.

In discussing the ex-Communist, those who piously say that the leopard never changes its spots forget that they are speaking of human beings — mortal creatures with immortal souls. And those who say "Once a Communist, always a Communist" are simply advertising their ignorance. To deny that men can change is to deny the truths which have eternally guided civilized man.

"But," the shout is raised, "how can you believe an ex-Communist?"

The answer lies in the fact that many former Communists have been tested by vigorous cross examination. They have withstood critical observation. Those most interested in producing evidence which would contradict their testimony have failed to do so. On the other hand much of the testimony of ex-Communists

has been verified by corroborating evidence.

Cold War

TODAY there exists a bitter ideological conflict. The Communists themselves assert that the world is divided into two fundamentally different and opposing camps. Only one, they maintain, will survive. In a crisis we must face reality. With American freedom and the lives of American citizens at stake, where does the individual who has been drawn into the Communist net stand? He cannot be neutral. He is either for or against the United States.

If, having knowledge of persons and activities detrimental to his country, he breaks from the Party, yet maintains silence, he is still aiding the enemy. The moral obligation involved cannot be met by silence. The choice is simple: *help the United States*. The man who does this is preserving freedom under law. He is protecting the American way of life for free men and women — including his family and himself.

Now is the time for those who love America to step forward and be counted. Now is the time for those who erred and once joined the Communist cause to declare themselves. Now is the time for free men to do their part to retain our freedom. *The End*



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COMMUNIST VIRUS
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WHETHER you know it or not, your child is a target. His mind is the fertile plot in which the Communist hopes to implant his Red virus and to secure a deadly culture which will spread to others. When enough are infected the Red Pied Piper hopes to call the tune. He lives for the day when he can draw constantly increasing numbers of American youngsters away from their families and the sound traditions and principles which have guided this nation thus far along its course and enroll them in the service of the Red masters.

The mothers and fathers of America have a great responsibility. They must help their children learn the fundamental truths of democratic living. The youngster needs your guidance. He must be made sturdy of limb, strong in mind, and upright in character. Anything less is to betray the spirit which made this nation great.

YOUR child could become a Communist!

"Without youth the order cannot be changed and there can be no revolution."

That statement by a Communist leader is indicative of the importance which the Communists place on their "youth recruitment" program. This program is a definite, determined offensive used to bring youngsters into the Red net.

WHILE the Communists deliberately infect their own children from babyhood with the highly contagious virus, and while they circulate literature designed to contaminate the minds of non-Communist youngsters, it is among the youth of high-school and college age that the Red plague bearers do their most concentrated work.

How does the Communist spread his contagion? There are many ways:

Billy Doe is a teen-ager who quit school. An attractive young girl invites him to a party, or it may be a dance, or just a social get-together at her "club." Billy has a good time and he finds ingratiating new friends who pay him a great deal of attention and build up his ego.

The "club" has a patriotic-sounding title, but its philosophy hews to the Communist party line. The unsuspecting youngster realizes only that he had a very good time and he returns again and again. Before many months have gone by Billy is parroting the party line. The principles which he was taught at home and at school now seem stodgy and "bourgeois": hidebound, stupid. Billy Doe has the virus.

INFILTRATING youth groups—religious, social, or otherwise—is a common means by which concealed Communists operate to catch the interest of youngsters. An aura of secrecy and the idealistic phrases behind which lurk the loathsome reality appeal to the imaginative boy or girl.

Communist-front youth groups masquerading behind patriotic titles trap and develop new members. Concealed cells have been major sources of infection. The victim is virtually remade. The old concepts, faiths, and principles are shuffled off to make way for the new godless philosophy: the reign of force.

How, you ask, can you inoculate your child against the Communist disease?

YOU can begin by making the house in which you live, if it be but one room, a real home.

You can give your child the priceless attributes of living: love, sympathy, understanding, encouragement, and faith.

You can teach him the value of things of the spirit.

You can show him that materialism, the god of the Communists, is as false as the golden calf of old.

Teach your child to know the history of this nation, to understand its tremendous achievement in the age-old struggle for liberty.

Teach him to know the faith and understanding which our forefathers summed up in the immortal documents of our nation's beginning and the need for a constant renewal of that faith if our free way of life is to continue. Be positive in your attitudes.

CERTAINLY this republic is not perfect and has weaknesses, but it is because people are human and less than perfect. Remember that those imperfect people are constantly striving to correct the weaknesses.

The word "patriot" is a good word. Bring it back into usage. Impress upon your child the proud meaning of the word.

Teach your child to recognize the black tyranny behind the glowing promise which the Communist holds forth. Beware of the phony peace petition and the false "cause" crusader. Communism feeds on ignorance. Learn the facts and guide your child along the road to good citizenship.

COMMUNISM is unmoral, the very antithesis of religion. Teach your child the truths which have made this nation great and you will have done much to combat the virus of materialism.

HOW TO FIGHT COMMUNISM

Last week *Newsweek* presented a comprehensive survey on Communism and its influence in America. As a further contribution to thinking on the subject, it here presents the signed opinion of J. Edgar Hoover who, however controversial his views, is the one responsible Federal official most directly concerned with Communism and Communists.

Our best defense in the United States against the menace of Communism is our own American way of life. The American Communists cannot hope to reach their objective of destroying our form of government unless they first undermine and corrupt it, causing confusion and disrupting public confidence in the workings of democracy.

Ours is the strongest democracy. We have more freedom and higher standards of living than any other people on earth. Yet our government—which has stood for almost two centuries as a beacon light amid world conflicts—is a central target of attack for the Red Fascists in the United States. It stands between them and world revolution.

We cannot ignore the attack. We must meet and repel it—but in the American way. We must shun the tactics of the Ku Klux Klan, the Columbians and native Fascists as earnestly as we shun those of the Communists themselves. There is as much danger in moving too far to the "right" as there is in swinging too far to the "left." There is little choice between Fascism and Communism. Both are totalitarian, anti-democratic and godless. Both use the same means of treachery and deceit to accomplish their goal of tyranny and oppression. In our fight against Communism we have no place for the political police that have dominated Fascist and Communist countries.

We effectively protected ourselves against spies and saboteurs during the late world war without sacrificing the civil rights of a single citizen. We can protect ourselves against the infiltration of Communism by the same defensive, democratic means in the American way.

Our surest weapon is truth. The Communists cannot endure the searching gaze of public observation. Their most effective work is carried on under a cloak of secrecy. Lies and deceit are their principal tools. No trick is too low for them. They are masters of the type of evasion advocated by that great god of Communism, Lenin, who observed: "Revolutionaries who are unable to combine illegal forms of struggle with every form of legal struggle are very bad revolutionaries."

The first step in the fight to preserve the American way of life is the exposure of the true aims of Communism and then a contrast of them with our American way of life.

There are two levels in the Communist organization. One level is "above ground" and its espousers are out in the open. They employ high-sounding, deceitful phrases, and pin the label "Red-baiter," "reactionary," or "Hitlerite" on all who reject their doctrines. Anyone who opposes the Soviet Union is a "Fascist," "imperial-

ist" of Germany, the American Communists shifted overnight to all-out aid, full production, and the second front.

The preamble of the Communist constitution also states that the party educates the working class "for its historic mission, the establishment of socialism." This "historic mission" is a revolution intended to overthrow our democratic government and substitute a Soviet of the United States.

The fact that the Communists teach revolution by force and violence is well illustrated by statements of Communist functionaries. One instructor advised his class: "We must as workers learn to hate the capitalist class. We cannot fight unless we hate. We . . . the vanguard of the working class, must teach the worker . . . to hate. It will mean the spilling of blood. We will have streets of blood as they had in Russia. The worker must be organized so that revolution when it comes must not be a failure."

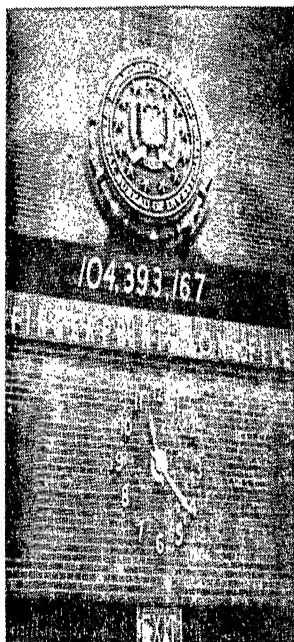
The Communists are agreed that the revolution will not come until the precipitation of a "great crisis" such as a general strike, a war which could be turned into civil strife, or a great economic depression.

Our cue is to make democracy work so that the Communists will never have their "great crisis."

The Communists have been specific in defining the meaning of party membership. The *Daily Worker* quoted Stalin on the subject: "We have Lenin's thoroughly tried and tested formula defining a member of the party . . . A member is one who accepts the program of the party, pays membership dues and works in one of its organizations."

The known, card-carrying Communist is not our sole menace. The individual whose name does not appear on party rolls but who does the party's dirty work, who acts as an apologist for the party and who rises in its defense and spearheads its campaigns in numerous fronts, is a greater menace. These are the "Communist sympathizers," "fellow travelers," and "Communist stooges." To prove their evil intent is at times difficult but they brand themselves by shifting and turning as the party line changes to meet new situations. Whether they be innocent, gullible, or wilful makes little difference, because they further the cause of Communism and weaken our American democracy.

The Communists are now carrying on a vigorous campaign to bring their total membership in the United States up to 100,000. This figure, however, does not reveal their actual strength. Conservatively, there are an estimated one million



Black Star

The FBI: The eleventh hour for the Reds has struck

ist" or "monopoly capitalist." The Communist brigades of swindlers and confidence men extol democracy but when they do they are speaking of Communism and not the American brand of democracy. They conceal their real designs by attaching themselves to progressive causes, to the cause of labor, social security and education.

The other level—the Communist underground—is composed of the disciplined brigades of Communist conspirators who drop their dialectical double talk behind locked doors. There the dangers of Communism become real.

The preamble of the constitution of the Communist party provides that "The Communist party struggles for the complete destruction of Fascism and for a durable peace." This is typical Communist deceit.

We all remember when Communism and Fascism were open allies. In that period the Communists picketed the White House, opposed Lend-Lease, Selective Service, and the defense of America. When Russia switched from an ally to an enemy

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others who in one way or another aid the Communist party.

I heard a clergyman a few days ago, in opposing anti-Communist legislation, base his argument on the fact that in Germany and Italy "the attack on the rights of a very unpopular minority led to the attack on the rights of all the people." I have already expressed my contempt for Fascism in any form, nevertheless, I could not help but wonder whether we would not have been spared the destruction of the second world war had the German and Italian people been alert to their responsibilities in the early '30s and opposed the advance of Fascism with the same vigor the Americans are now opposing Communism.

We cannot hope successfully to meet the Communist menace unless there is a wide knowledge and understanding of its aims and designs. This knowledge outlaws the party in the hearts and minds of good citizens.

But where can this information be secured?

The American press and radio are alert to the threat of Red Fascism and have done a splendid job of exposing the evil. We are moving in the right direction.

I have also been encouraged to note that spokesmen generally are being circumspect in using the label of "Communist." The technique of the label is a Communist trick which anti-Communists are sometimes prone to use. It is deceptive and detrimental, however, to pin the label of "Communist" on honest American liberals and progressives merely because of a difference of opinion. Honesty and common decency demand that the clear-cut line of demarcation that exists between liberals and Communists be recognized. Despite the Communist technique of labeling themselves as progressives there is no more effective or determined foe of Communism than the millions of honest liberals and progressives.

Newspapers, magazines, radio and scores of well-documented books on the subject of Communism are sources of authentic information which can provide patriotic citizens with the facts.

There is renewed interest in Congress as manifested in the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives. As this committee fulfills its obligation of public disclosure of facts it is worthy of the support of loyal, patriotic Americans. This committee has for its purpose the exposure of un-American forces and as such its files contain voluminous information which, when used with discretion, provide an excellent source of information. The FBI, unlike this committee, must of necessity keep the contents of its files confidential.

Citizens also should be alert to what is happening in their own circles. Do they

have an intelligent, participating interest in the programs of organizations to which they belong and of schools which their children attend? What kind of people do they elect to public office? Are there disloyal people on the public payrolls?

It is the right and responsibility of every citizen to insist on having public servants whose first loyalty is to the American way of life. One disloyal local, county, state or Federal employee can do irreparable harm by acts of disloyalty or by indoctrinating others with a Marxian philosophy.

There is some sentiment that a Communist has as much right to a government job as a Democrat or a Republican, because the Communists claim to be a political party. In reality, they are a part of an international criminal conspiracy. They are no more a political party than was the German-American Bund.

Labor unions have always been a Communist target. The Communists have seldom departed from the Lenin instruction: "It is necessary . . . to agree to any and every sacrifice, and even . . . to resort to all sorts of devices, maneuvers and illegal methods, to evasion, and subterfuge, in order to penetrate into the trade unions, to remain in them, and to carry on Communist work in them at all cost."

The American view of trade unionism is summed up in the words of Samuel Gompers: "To be a good trade unionist a man must first be a good American."

Communists in labor unions—like Communists everywhere—owe their first allegiance to the Communist party. They falsely claim that the ends of the party and of labor are the same.

The majority of Communist party mem-

bers do not even belong to trade unions. In a recent Communist meeting a party leader admitted that "18 to 19 per cent of our membership was obtained from organizational shops and industrial clubs throughout the United States."

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Ten 'Don'ts' by Mr. Hoover

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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

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should never forget that Communism begins with the group; democracy and Christianity begin with the individual.

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The same techniques are followed in electing their fellow Communists to the various offices of the union. At all union meetings, and especially at elections when the ultimate control of the union is at stake, every parliamentary trick is used. Motions are rushed through without debate; the Communists have been known to tamper with the ballot boxes.

DISTURBANCE TECHNIQUES

Non-Communist members are sometimes denied the opportunity, because of the raucous shouting of the Communists, to present their side of an issue to their fellow members. If these techniques should fail or serious opposition develop, the session is allowed to drag on and on. Finally, the opponents of the Communists depart either through disgust at the Reds' evasive techniques or through sheer exhaustion. This leaves the Communist minority in control, with enough of their supporters present to constitute a quorum.

A typical Communist plan of action currently

being used to infiltrate into labor unions involves the building of as many caucuses in as many unions as possible. The influence of the party in those unions is to be increased. The sale of Party literature to union members is to be stressed. Industrial unions and "right-led unions" are to be primary targets. Such tactics of infiltration bear all the earmarks of carefully formulated and skillfully executed military campaigns.

MOTIVES ARE CLEAR

The motives of the Communist Party in organized labor are clear. The Communists seek to destroy the American way of life with its unparalleled standard of living. Victory is sought through domination of the labor field. The work of the Communists in labor organizations is part of the same international scheme of conquest as is their aggression on foreign fields by force of arms. The Communists cry "peace in the world," but they obstruct efforts to have peace. So, on the labor front, they incessantly clamor that they seek only the betterment of the workers. Yet, their tactics are only to disrupt, and in those lands where their system has stolen control of the reins of government, labor has suffered.

Contrast the motives of the Communists with the legitimate aims of unions dedicated to the advancement of labor. The objective of a non-Communist labor union is to secure stable economic

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The leaders of labor have not been oblivious to this tyranny. The late great labor leader and labor president, William

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In more than half a century of the existence of the American Federation of Labor, the tribute can be paid to its leadership that they recognize the dangers in the never-ending assault by the Communists to seize control. They recognize that Communism is nothing less than a Red Fascist conspiracy to conquer and rule the world by any means.

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by many American labor unions to guard against Communist infiltration and Communist indoctrination might well serve as a guide not only for labor, but for all organizations whose influence upon the lives of the people indelibly stamps them as an objective of Communist infiltration. The American Federation of Labor has recognized that there can be no compromise with Communism. It recognizes that there can be no compromise with a movement devoted to the destruction of the historic objectives of our free American society.

TRUTH IS OUR WEAPON

Intelligent labor leadership has refrained from fighting Communism with the deceitful tactics employed by the Communists. Instead, this leadership has utilized a weapon unknown to the Communists, yet more deadly than any the Communists have ever devised. That weapon is truth, before which Communism cannot survive - truth about our national institutions, truth about our economic problems, truth about the leadership necessary in labor and management, and, finally, truth about the manifold lies and distortions utilized by the Communists and the system they espouse.

The power of truth in the fight against Communism is demonstrated in the bitter struggle engaged in by one union to drive the Reds out of positions of leadership. The president of the union said the Reds were on the point of capturing the

union and using it as a wedge for greater gains in labor. He said they fought the Communists by relying on the intelligence and the integrity of the union members. Union members in each factory and each union local were contacted. The falsehoods of the Communist cause were pointed out to them. At the outset, only a few took up the fight against Communism. Then, by the thousands, the union members, including many former Communist sympathizers, joined forces against the Communists and now form a determined opposition to them.

The strongest counterforce against the attempts by the Communists to seize control of labor is labor itself. Labor must continue to meet this challenge. Constant vigilance by rank and file union members and by labor leaders against Red infiltration is the price that must be paid on the home front for the preservation of our Democratic mode of living.

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The primary emphasis of the Red infiltration program has been on the heavy and strategic industries, since control of these is useful for the accomplishment of their ultimate purpose—the overthrow of this government by force and violence. Such industries as railroads, shipbuilding, atomic energy, steel, communications, the electrical and automotive industries have long been the targets of Communist infiltration.

This is accomplished simply by the refusal of the Chair to recognize a known non-Communist speaker. With such systematic planning, a motion can be rushed through an unprepared and disorganized opposition; the affairs of a union can be dominated.

The same techniques are followed in electing their fellow Communists to the various offices of the union. At all union meetings, and especially at elections when the ultimate control of the union is at stake, every parliamentary trick is used. Motions are rushed through without debate; the Communists have been known to tamper with the ballot boxes.

• Disturbance Techniques

Non-Communist members are sometimes denied the opportunity, because of the raucous shouting of the Communists, to present their side of an issue to their fellow members. If these techniques should fail or serious opposition develop, the session is allowed to drag on and on. Finally, the opponents of the Communists depart either through disgust at the Red's evasive techniques or through sheer exhaustion. This leaves the Communist minority in control, with enough of their supporters present to constitute a quorum.

A typical Communist plan of action currently being used to infiltrate into labor unions involves the building of as many caucuses in as many unions as possible. The influence of the party in those unions is to be increased. The sale of Party literature to union members is to be stressed. Industrial unions and "right-led unions" are to be primary targets. Such tactics of infiltration bear all the earmarks of carefully formulated and skillfully executed military campaigns.

• Motives Are Clear

The motives of the Communist Party in organized labor are clear. The Communists seek to destroy the American way of life with its unparalleled standard of living. Victory is sought through domination of the labor field. The work of the Communists in labor organizations is part of the same international scheme of conquest as is their aggression on foreign fields by force of arms. The Communists cry "peace in the world," but they obstruct efforts to have peace. So, on the labor front, they incessantly clamor that they seek only the betterment of the workers. Yet, their tactics are only to disrupt, and in those lands where their system has stolen control of the reins of government, labor has suffered.

Contrast the motives of the Communists with the legitimate aims of unions dedicated to the advancement of labor. The objective of a non-Communist labor union is to secure stable economic benefits for its members. This is sought through establishing mutually compatible relations with management. The tactics of the Communists are geared to interfere with constructive labor relations. They nurture and exploit periods of unsettled labor problems.

Their disruptive tactics, accompanied by chicanery and trickery, expose the pretended claim of the Communists who say they are striving only for labor's economic betterment. Their ever-changing techniques of obstruction, of false claims for propaganda purposes and their acts of war while spouting slogans of peace, make a mockery of their very slogans and propaganda. Our heroic dead in Korea bear mute testimony to their concept of peace and the deceit they practice.

The Communists have never truly sought the economic betterment of the individual. The improvement of working conditions is to them a slogan which is but a means to an end—power. Power in the hands of the Communists means the destruction of the heritage which is ours—freedom from want, freedom from fear, freedom of worship and speech. The destruction of these freedoms behind the Iron Curtain, more than anything else, has demonstrated to the American people the true meaning of Communism.

The leaders of labor have not been oblivious to this tyranny. The late great labor leader and labor president, William L. Green, declared: "No organization can be free under Communism because it is compelled to subordinate the interest of the workers to those of the Communist Party."

In more than half a century of the existence of the American Federation of Labor, the tribute can be paid to its leadership that they recognize the dangers in the never-ending assault by the Communists to seize control. They recognize that Communism is nothing less than a Red Fascist conspiracy to conquer and rule the world by any means.

The fight is not an easy one. The Communists continue to preach their insidious doctrines of class warfare, of a "natural and unceasing" hostility between labor and management. Many leaders of labor organizations have met these falsehoods by demonstrating the existence of mutual understanding between labor and management. These leaders are bargaining collectively in an atmosphere free of armed troops, controlled national government elections and government-directed puppets.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the Communists should accuse these labor leaders of a failure to defend the interest of the workers. William Z. Foster called for an "enlightened leadership" in labor organizations of the same character as in some foreign countries "where union leadership has passed into the hands of the Communists." The steps taken by many American labor unions to guard against Communist infiltration and Communist indoctrination might well serve as a guide not only for labor, but for all organizations whose influence upon the lives of the people indelibly stamps them as an objective of Communist infiltration. The American Federation of Labor has recognized that there can be no compromise with Communism. It recognizes that there can be no compromise with a movement devoted to the destruction of the historic objectives of our free American society.

• Truth Is Our Weapon

Intelligent labor leadership has refrained from fighting Communism with the deceitful tactics employed by the Communists. Instead, this leadership has utilized a weapon unknown to the Communists, yet more deadly than any the Communists have ever devised. That weapon is truth, before which Communism cannot survive—truth about our national institutions, truth about our economic problems, truth about the leadership necessary in labor and management, and, finally, truth about the manifold lies and distortions utilized by the Communists and the system they espouse.

The power of truth in the fight against Communism is demonstrated in the bitter struggle engaged in by one union to drive the Reds out of positions of leadership. The president of the union said the Reds were on the point of capturing the union and using it as a wedge for greater gains in labor. He said they fought the Communists by relying on the intelligence and the integrity of the union members. Union members in each factory and each union local were contacted. The falsehoods of the Communist cause were pointed out to them. At the outset, only a few took up the fight against Communism. Then, by the thousands, the union members, including many former Communist sympathizers, joined forces against the Communists and now form a determined opposition to them.

The strongest counterforce against the attempts by the Communists to seize control of labor is labor itself. Labor must continue to meet this challenge. Constant vigilance by rank and file union members and by labor leaders against Red infiltration

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols *for*

DATE: September 13, 1954

FROM : M. A. Jones *09-1-1*SUBJECT: SPEECH MATERIAL FOR
FORMER INSPECTOR PENNINGTON

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In accordance with your request, there is attached various data which may be of help to Mr. Pennington in preparing a speech on the subject of bank defalcations.

Included is the new booklet, "How Banks Can Help The FBI," recent Interesting Case write-ups and a sheet containing recent statistical information.

Attachments (8)

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Honorable Seaborn P. Collins
National Commander
The American Legion
700 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

My dear Mr. Collins:

Your letter of September 17, 1954, has been received.

It will be a great pleasure to have you visit us here at the FBI whenever you have the opportunity to do so. Inasmuch as my schedule is extremely uncertain, I suggest you might find it convenient to call my office before dropping by, in order to make sure that I am in. I am looking forward to hearing from you in that regard.

Sincerely yours,

cc - Mr. Holloman, with copy of incoming.
cc - Mr. Nichols, with copy of incoming.

NOTE: Bulet of September 7, 1954, congratulating Mr. Collins upon his election. Summary memorandum concerning him is attached. We have been advised that Mr. Collins will be in Indianapolis until 10-10-54.

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WASHINGTON OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER
1608 K STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON 6, D.C.

September 17, 1954

Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I want to express my appreciation for your kind letter of congratulations upon my election as National Commander of The American Legion.

Be assured that I will do my best to fulfill the duties of the position in a manner worthy of the confidence which has been placed in me.

I hope in the near future to have the opportunity to visit with you awhile, as it would mean very much to me.

Thanking you for your offer of service, and with kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Seaborn P. Collins
SEABORN P. COLLINS

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols *[initials]*

FROM : M. A. Jones *[initials]*

SUBJECT: HONORABLE SEABORN P. COLLINS
NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION

DATE: September 22, 1954

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This memorandum is being prepared upon request of the Director's Office for information concerning Honorable Seaborn P. Collins who was elected National Commander of The American Legion during that organization's annual convention which was held in Washington, D. C., the week of August 29, 1954.

You will recall that the Director on September 7, 1954, sent a letter of congratulations to Mr. Collins upon his election as National Commander of The American Legion. Mr. Collins, by letter of September 17, 1954, thanked the Director for his congratulations and stated, "I hope in the near future to have the opportunity to visit with you a while, as it would mean very much to me." The only information in Bufiles identifiable with Mr. Collins is a memorandum from Special Agent [redacted] to Mr. Rosen dated September 8, 1954, advising that Special Agent [redacted] has been acquainted with Mr. Collins since he was about five years of age. Special Agent [redacted] has advised that he listed Collins's father, who is a Presbyterian minister, as a reference when applying for a position with the Bureau. [redacted] is GS-13 assigned Investigative Division. He states that Collins formerly resided in Cross Plains, Texas, and attended Wheaton College and Daniel Baker College at Brownwood, Texas. After leaving college, Collins moved to New Mexico where he is a contractor and engaged in the lumber business. Former Inspector Lee R. Pennington, who is Director of the National Americanism Commission of The American Legion, has advised that Collins is favorable to the FBI, and Special Agent [redacted] has stated that Collins is a fine loyal American. The Bureau has enjoyed friendly relations with The American Legion.

RECOMMENDATIONS: 1. It is recommended that the Director meet briefly with Mr. Seaborn P. Collins should he call at the Bureau in the near future.

2. It is recommended that attached letter be sent to Mr. Collins.

Attachment sent 9-23-54

cc- Mr. Holloman

cc- Mr. Nichols

ADDENDUM: see next page.

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Memorandum to Mr. Nichols

January 22, 1955

ADDENDUM: *ELT:blw* January 21, 1955 The Bureau, upon request from the Foreign Operations Administration, in October, 1954, conducted an investigation concerning Seaborn P. Collins on the basis that he was being considered for a highly important and sensitive position with FOA. This investigation reflected that Collins, while employed by the Department of Agriculture, on November 8, 1939, collected \$20 from a client under his supervision to defray expenses in connection with a trip for the client to Dallas, Texas. Shortly thereafter, however, Collins submitted an official claim for travel reimbursement and did not return the \$20 to the client. Consideration was given to accepting Collins' resignation because of incident, but it was determined that the situation was not serious enough an offense to warrant such action. Other than this, investigation entirely satisfactory and final results furnished to FOA on December 9, 1954. (124-8436)

The Director on November 30, 1954, sent a note of congratulations to Collins upon his selection by the Las Cruces, New Mexico, Lions Club to receive that organization's award as the Outstanding Citizen in the country. (94-1-17998-1139)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: Sept. 24, 1954

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FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

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G.I.R.-1

Both DeLoach and I feel it would not be necessary for him to spend six days in Indianapolis. He can accomplish his purpose on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. He is scheduled to make a speech before the Illinois group on Wednesday, October 6, in Chicago and he could then go on to Chicago from Indianapolis.

cc: Mr. Jones
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THE AMERICAN LEGION

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Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
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Mr. Sizoo	✓
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Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

September 21, 1954

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me your kind complimentary letter of recent date.

One of the high lights of my year was my visit to your office, and the most interesting conversation I had with you. As a result of it, you probably are aware that we are getting out a series of informative pamphlets on Communism, the first of which you graciously wrote for us.

I am sure that I can speak for The American Legion when I say that we shall always be delighted to work closely with the Federal Bureau of Investigation because we admire its work and that of its very fine Director.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Arthur J. Connell

ARTHUR J. CONNELL
Past National Commander

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Mr. Lee E. Pennington
Director
The American Legion National
Americanism Commission
1608 K Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Lee:

I appreciated your letter of September 21, 1954, with reference to the forthcoming American Legion meeting in Indianapolis, and arrangements have been made for Mr. DeLoach to spend October 3, 4 and 5, in Indianapolis.

I do appreciate your continued interest and your thoughtfulness in making this suggestion.

With best wishes and kind regards,

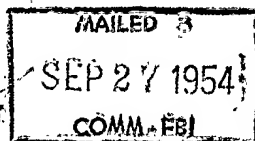
Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc: Mr. Jones

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1608 K Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.
September 21, 1954

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ninth and Pennsylvania Avenues
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

National
G I have been informed by National Headquarters of The American Legion that only the Executive Section of the Americanism Commission has been officially called to Indianapolis for October 2 and 3, 1954. The other members have been invited to attend at their own expense; and if a sufficient number report, a full meeting of the Commission will be held. Otherwise, the agenda will be restricted to a very few items.

You previously assigned Inspector C. D. DeLoach to attend the meeting; and not withstanding the fact that there is some doubt as to whether a full scale meeting of the Americanism Commission will be held, I honestly think it would be advisable for DeLoach to be present on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd inasmuch as all fifty-eight Department Commanders and Adjutants have been called in for a meeting. It will give him a wonderful opportunity to get acquainted with state leadership throughout the Nation as well as our territorial possessions and several foreign countries.

The National Executive Committee, which is the governing body between National Conventions, will meet on October 5, 6 and 7, 1954, and I think it would be of value to the Bureau for DeLoach to be in attendance at least part of this meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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LEE R. PENNINGTON, Director

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September 23, 1954

Mrs. John A. Ryer
22 Walnut Street
East Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mrs. Ryer:

Inspector C. D. DeLoach has brought to my attention your very gracious note of September 23, 1954, wherein you indicated appreciation of assistance we were able to render your husband, Commander John A. Ryer, during the recent American Legion convention in Washington, D. C.

The FBI is certainly grateful for your kind offer of assistance and you may rest assured that it was a privilege for us to be of assistance to your husband at the time he was in Washington.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: John A. Ryer is the State Commander of the American Legion in Rhode Island. He contacted DeLoach during the American Legion convention and exhibited extreme nervousness and worry concerning his wife. When Ryer left his wife to come to the convention, his wife was ill and by herself. While Ryer was in Washington, hurricane "Carol" hit New England and did severe damage, particularly to Providence. The Boston Office ascertained that Mrs. Ryer, although completely surrounded by water, was all right. Commander Ryer was extremely appreciative. The attached letter is a note of thanks from Mrs. Ryer to the FBI. (No Record in file on Ryers)

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September 23, 1954

Mr. C. D. DeLoach
Inspector
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. DeLoach:

This is a belated note to thank you and the Bureau for getting in touch with me after the Hurricane of August 31st, here in Rhode Island. You will recall that my husband was attending the American Legion Convention in Washington at the time and had no way of communicating with me so that he might know whether I was safe or not.

I fully realize that you took time out from your own busy day in order that my husband's mind might be relieved. We both thank you sincerely and trust that if either of us may ever be of any service to either you or the Bureau, you certainly may feel free to call on us.

Gratefully yours,

s/ V. Norma Ryer
(Mrs. John A.)

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I fully realize that you took time out from your own busy day, in order that my husband's mind might be relieved. We both thank you sincerely and trust that if either of us may ever be of any service to either you or the Bureau, you certainly may feel free to call on us.

Gratefully yours,

V. Norma Ryer
(Mrs John A.)



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September 23, 1954

Mr. C. H. McLoach,
Inspector,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. McLoach:

This is a belated note to thank you and the Bureau for getting in touch with me after the Hurricane of August 31st, here in Rhode Island.

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ATTENTION-- INSPECTOR DE LOACH

① AMERICAN LEGION, NATIONAL MEETING OF DEPARTMENTAL COMMANDERS AND
ADJUTANTS, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA. MR. LEE R. PENNINGTON, PRESENTLY
IN INDIANAPOLIS AT NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF AMERICAN LEGION. HE
ADVISED INSPECTOR DE LOACH WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO ATTEND MEETING
OF AMERICANISM COMMISSION AT INDIANAPOLIS, WHICH WAS CANCELLED. HOWEVER
ALL DEPARTMENTAL COMMANDERS AND ADJUTANTS WILL BE MEETING OCTOBER ONE
THROUGH OCTOBER THREE NEXT IN INDIANAPOLIS AND MR. PENNINGTON REQUESTS
BUREAU BE NOTIFIED IN ORDER THAT INSPECTOR DE LOACH COULD ATTEND IF
BUREAU SO DESIRES. ABOVE FOR INFORMATION. **RECORDED-89** 94-1-17778-1130

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October 8, 1954

Mr. Hugh W. Overton
Wadley, Alabama

Dear Mr. Overton:

Inspector C. D. DeLoach of our headquarters staff has informed me of the very courteous assistance and friendship you exhibited during the recent American Legion meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana. It was most kind of you to take time out from your official duties to introduce Mr. DeLoach to the many officials of the American Legion.

I am also grateful for the commendatory remarks you made regarding the FBI and me. It is our hope that we may continue to merit your confidence.

In the event you are in Washington in the near future, please plan to drop in and see us.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Honorable George N. Craig
The Governor of Indiana
Indianapolis 4, Indiana

My dear Governor Craig:

I have been informed by Inspector C. D. DeLoach of your commendatory remarks both about the FBI and me upon the occasion of Mr. DeLoach's visit to your office on October 6, 1954. I am certainly appreciative of your continued interest in our organization and sincerely hope that we may continue to merit your confidence.

Mr. DeLoach has advised me how grateful he was of having the opportunity of attending the reception sponsored by you in honor of Seaborn P. Collins, National Commander of the American Legion, and for the opportunity of visiting with you in your office at the Indiana State Capitol. We, of course, are delighted to have been of assistance to you in the past and hope that we can be of service to you in the future.

We are looking forward to a visit from

It will be a pleasure to see him.

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With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *1/10/54*

FROM : L. B. Nichols

DATE: October 7, 1954

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
OCTOBER 5 and 6, 1954

Am. Legion - Nat. Exec. Comm.

The top officials of the American Legion, including the National Commander, the five Vice Commanders, National Executive Committeemen from the forty-eight states and the past National Commanders met in executive session in Indianapolis on October 5 and 6, 1954. DeLoach of my office was invited to attend.

POSITION OF NATIONAL COMMANDER

Although Seaborn P. Collins, of New Mexico, was elected National Commander only recently in September, 1954, the Executive Committeemen waged several secretive battles as to the official who would be appointed in 1955 at the Miami, Florida, convention to succeed Collins. There were two principal factions: one headed by J. Addington Wagner of the Department of Illinois, and the second by Dan Daniels of the Department of Virginia. A compromise was reached in that Wagner is to be elected National Commander in 1955 and Daniels in 1956. We are acquainted with Wagner through joint work on the Americanism Commission of the Legion. He is very favorably disposed toward the FBI. Daniels is an unknown quantity at this time. Files are negative on both men.

DEPARTMENT OF FRANCE

The Legion and the United States may soon be embarrassed over the antics of Paris Post No. 1. The Post Commander is one Howard Cornwall, a farmer. The Adjutant is one John Kingsley. Kingsley has prepared scurrilous literature, affidavits and other media concerning Cornwall and his assistants. Kingsley desires to take over Paris Post No. 1. Inasmuch as this Post controls American Legion Posts in other European countries, it is recognized as an all-powerful organization and is "The American Legion" of Europe. Kingsley is known to spend money far in excess of his assets and to associate with individuals of Communist background. A small Legion faction believes that Kingsley may well be sponsored by the Communists, while the majority of Legion officials, not knowing Kingsley's background, feel that this is merely an administrative fight which will soon die out.

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cc: Mr. Hanning

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols
RE: NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
THE AMERICAN LEGION

Leo C. ~~Lanning~~ of New York, a close associate of Governor Dewey, has been appointed to investigate this matter in France. Lanning has been described as a man of no investigative experience who will, no doubt, allow himself to be wined and dined and, consequently, fail to bring back the facts.

There is a move afoot to refer the matter to the State Department for investigation. It may be presented to State on the basis that infiltration of Communists into Paris Post No. 1, if publicly known, would strike a serious psychological blow to American prestige in Europe; hence, the State Department with previously established facilities in Europe, should handle the matter and make recommendations as to further action.

Set S. Allen know of the development
POSSIBLE ITEMS OF INTEREST

The FBI representative was invited to attend all executive sessions. He was presented to the group on the morning of October 5, 1954, and afterwards, spoke briefly.

Following these brief remarks, several individuals asked to be remembered to the Director:

(1) Louis Johnson, former Secretary of Defense. Mr. Johnson was most cordial and friendly. He asked that his best regards be expressed to the Director and mentioned he regretted the fact that he had been unable to personally call upon the Director within recent months.

At a later meeting at Governor George Craig's mansion, in an aside manner, Mr. Johnson indicated that not many people in Washington were aware of the fact that during the time he was Secretary of Defense, he had urged former President Harry Truman to raise the Director's salary. Mr. Johnson stated that the Director was the lowest paid man in Washington in comparison to the amount of good work he did. He confided that Truman had turned a deaf ear to this plea as he had to many other proposals made by the Secretary of Defense. Mr. Johnson was of the opinion that the Democratic Party may be of some slight difficulty to the FBI in the event they take over the new Congress. He indicated he wanted the Director to know he could be counted upon for help if such were needed.

During the trip back to Washington, further opportunity was had to talk to Mr. Johnson and his friendliness was quite obvious at all times. The

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RE: NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
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former Secretary of Defense had brief business in Washington and then he planned to depart for California.

(2) Governor George N. Craig (R., Indiana). A reception was attended in Governor Craig's mansion. This reception was in honor of National Commander Seaborn P. Collins. The Governor, according to a quick check made at our Indianapolis office prior to the reception, is an FBI booster. Legion sources have on occasion indicated that Senators Jenner and Capehart of Indiana are very bitter toward Governor Craig because he refuses to go along with the "old guard Republican group." An opportunity was afforded to converse briefly with the Governor at the reception. He mentioned previous visits with the Director and stated he was most obligated to the FBI not only for being allowed to visit with the Director but also for the assistance rendered him since being Governor. At that time, he indicated he would like to discuss a matter or two later on when the opportunity presented itself.

On October 6, 1954, the Governor contacted DeLoach and asked him to stop by his office that afternoon. Upon seeing the Governor at 1:30 p.m., he was again very friendly and indicated that he desired to have his sincere appreciation conveyed to the Director regarding the several tips given him by the Indianapolis office relative to members of the Communist Party who were serving as teachers in various state institutions. The Governor added that every member but one had been fired and that this one remaining member was definitely on the way out. (Governor Craig was referring to our responsibilities program in which we have furnished him information on a confidential basis regarding several members of the Communist Party who were on the State pay roll in Indiana.) The Governor indicated that he most certainly appreciated the FBI's desire to remain in the background regarding these matters and that he, therefore, would never violate our confidence. b6 b7C

Governor Craig then switched to other matters. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] According to the Governor,

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RE: NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
THE AMERICAN LEGION

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this young man has been an outstanding athlete. Governor Craig stated that [redacted] he is encouraging this desire as much as possible. He stated that he would appreciate very much [redacted] being given an opportunity to visit the FBI and possibly our facilities at Quantico the next time he is in Washington. A most cordial invitation was extended to the Governor [redacted]

(3) Seaborn P. Collins. Mr. Collins is the current National Commander of the American Legion. While talking with him on several occasions throughout the meetings, he seemed most cordial and very favorably disposed toward the FBI. He specifically mentioned the pleasant correspondence he has had with the Director since becoming National Commander. Mr. Collins desires to come to the Bureau and visit with the Director upon leaving Indiana for Washington. His schedule is as yet uncertain due to several speaking engagements; however, he realizes the uncertainty of the Director's schedule and will advise us several days in advance of his contemplated visit with the Director.

(4) Hugh W. ~~X~~Overton. Mr. Overton is a rural mail carrier from Wadley, Alabama, a town of approximately 500 population. He has, however, spent many years in the American Legion and is officially recognized as the "king maker" of the South, from the standpoint of Legion activities. Officially, his title is National Executive Committeeman of the Department of Alabama. Overton is most friendly toward the FBI. He was DeLoach's high school football coach many years ago and a close friendship resulted at that time and has remained through the years. He has made it possible to meet the outstanding officials of the Legion, is a close friend of Governor Craig, and is one of the three individuals who appointed former Inspector Lee Pennington to his current post as Director of the Americanism Commission. Files are negative on Overton. This man will continue to be a great source of help to us and it is felt that he would be deeply appreciative of receiving a letter from the Director thanking him for his assistance to us and for his many kind remarks regarding the Director and the FBI.

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RE: NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
THE AMERICAN LEGION

OBSERVATIONS

There is no doubt but what the American Legion is very favorably disposed toward the FBI and we can count upon this bulwark of strength as a close friend. This very favorable feeling toward the FBI on the part of the Legion is not due to any one individual but rather instead to the reputation we have, principally in the security field. The Legion leans heavily on its reputation as an organization fighting Communism. As a result, they feel kindly disposed toward the FBI, which is recognized by them as the leading United States intelligence agency in this particular field.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) There is attached a letter to former Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson thanking him for his remarks regarding the Director and the Bureau.

(2) There is attached a letter to Governor George N. Craig expressing appreciation for his kind remarks regarding the Director and the FBI.

(3) There is attached a letter to Mr. Hugh W. Overton regarding the kind assistance he has given us and expressing appreciation for his very favorable remarks toward the FBI.

OK.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: November 9, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols *lbn*

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Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

SUBJECT: RESOLUTIONS EFFECTING FBI PASSED BY
 AMERICAN LEGION AT 36TH NATIONAL CONVENTION
 SEPTEMBER 2, 1954 at WASHINGTON, D. C.

Rel.
 You will recall that at the recent 36th National Convention of the American Legion in Washington, D. C., that body passed two resolutions concerning the FBI and the Director. One resolution commended the Director and advocated concurrence with his personal code of living. The second resolution commended the FBI and recommended to all Legionnaires the continued support of the FBI. The latter resolution recommended a vigorous defense on the part of Legionnaires against slanderous individuals who attack the FBI. The formal copies of these resolutions have been forwarded to DeLoach through channels. These copies are attached to this memorandum.

There is no need for acknowledging the receipt of the formal copies of these resolutions, inasmuch as this was done immediately following the convention.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

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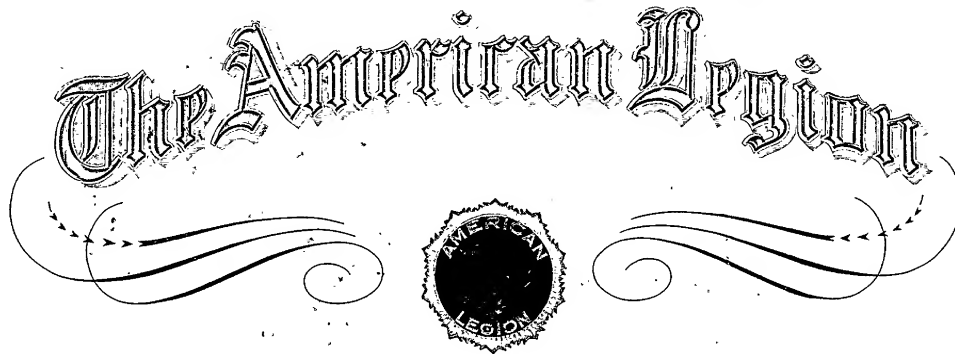
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ENCLOSURE



RESOLUTION

Personal code of J. Edgar Hoover be adopted

WHEREAS, We recognize the integrity, patriotism and sincerity of J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, exemplified in his personal code as follows:

Believe in God and the inherent dignity of man.

Trust in our democratic principles and be confident that truth will overcome the menace of dictatorship which today seems to destroy our freedoms. Strive always to do your best. Make your life purposeful. If each of us in a spirit of self-dedication will do his share, we can create a better world. That must be the spirit of 1954. The spirit of love, humility and justice.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That this 36th National Convention hereby concurs with the fine basic principles of this expression of individual goal and personal code.

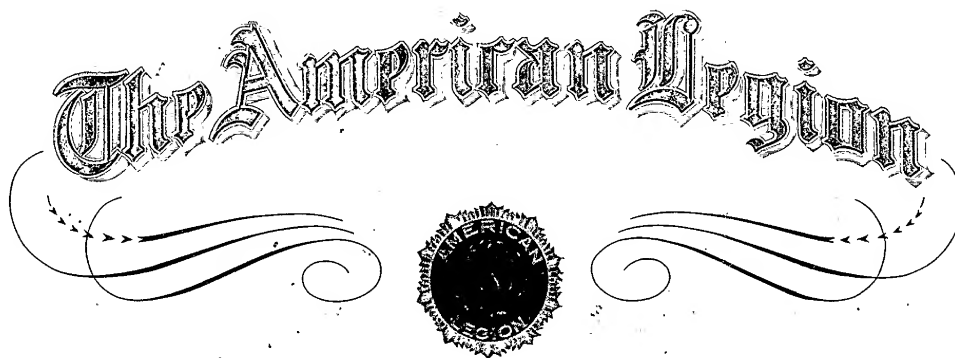
IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, HELD IN WASHINGTON, D. C., AUGUST THIRTIETH THROUGH SEPTEMBER SECOND, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR.



Arthur J. Connell
ARTHUR J. CONNELL, NATIONAL COMMANDER

ATTEST: *Henry H. Dudley*
HENRY H. DUDLEY, NATIONAL ADJUTANT

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RESOLUTION

Continue support of Federal Bureau of Investigation.

WHEREAS, The Federal Bureau of Investigation is and has been one of our chief bulwarks against the international totalitarian collectivistic movement known as Communism and all other foreign or domestic totalitarian threats, and

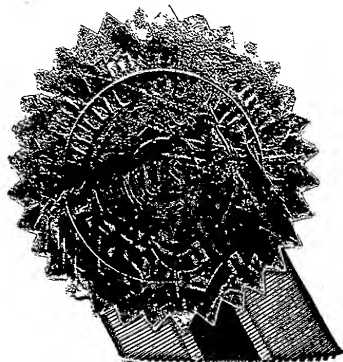
WHEREAS, The Communist party and its many subservient helpers have inspired continuous unwarranted and dishonest attacks on the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the obvious hope of destroying its effectiveness, and

WHEREAS, These attacks have recently been increased in frequency and viciousness without justification in fact, and

WHEREAS, The continued public confidence in the Federal Bureau of Investigation is essential to its continuing effectiveness in dealing with our totalitarian self-declared enemies,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The American Legion recommends the continued whole-hearted and unquestioned support of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in its activities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Washington, D. C., August 30 - September 2, 1954, that The American Legion vigorously defend the F.B.I. against such slanderous and unjustified attacks.



Arthur J. Connell
ARTHUR J. CONNELL, NATIONAL COMMANDER

ATTEST:

Henry H. Dudley
HENRY H. DUDLEY, NATIONAL ADJUTANT

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: October 27,
1954

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: ~~X~~ AMERICAN LEGION COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE SEMINARS

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As you know, "The Firing Line" is a biweekly paper published by the National Americanism Commission of The American Legion. It is dedicated to furnishing to the membership at large "Facts for Fighting Communism."

The October 15, 1954, issue of "The Firing Line" has the following:

"Legion Posts should follow the outstanding example of Broad Ripple Post No. 312, The American Legion, of Indianapolis, Indiana. On October 30 and 31, this Post will sponsor a Counter-Subversive Seminar, featuring well known experts on the basic phases of the criminal Communist conspiracy.

"The speakers will include: Mr. Roy M. Cohn, former chief counsel to the Permanent Subcommittee On Investigations of the Committee On Government Operations, United States Senate; Dr. Bella V. Dodd, former member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A.; Dr. Anthony T. Bouscaren, of the Department of Political Science, Marquette University; Mr. Phil Tyrrell, an expert on the subject of Communism in the Field of Entertainment.

"These notable experts will speak on Communism in Education, Entertainment, Government, Religion and on World Communism. In order to fight Communism successfully and intelligently, Legionnaires must have the facts. Get these facts by having your own Counter-Subversive Seminar in your community NOW."

In view of the above, it is believed the field will undoubtedly receive numerous requests from Legion Posts on a local level for Bureau representatives to sit in on such seminars. While present Bureau policy already precludes such participation or discussions by Bureau speakers on the subject of Communism, it is believed that the field should be alerted to the above.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached SAC Letter be sent to all offices.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: December 2,
1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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 Glavin _____
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 Miss Gandy _____

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION ATTEMPT TO COUNTERACT
 SUBVERSIVE INFLUENCES IN UNITED NATIONS
 AND UNESCO

David L. Brighan, Vice Commander of the American Legion, Department of Maryland, and Wade Bousman, National Executive Committeeman, District of Columbia American Legion, have both contacted DeLoach relative to joining with them in attending a meeting at the University of Maryland on December 9, 1954, at 8:00 P. M. relative to making plans to counteract subversive influences in the United Nations and UNESCO.

Brighan explained that certain factions of the UNESCO plan to hold a meeting on the University of Maryland Campus, Municipal Building, 4809 Calvert Road, College Park, the same night. He indicated that following the meeting of Legion officials, the group would attend the meeting of the UNESCO group and attempt to engage in debate with the UNESCO people. Brighan wanted to know if DeLoach would attend this meeting with him and Bousman and aid them in the above-mentioned respect.

Mr. Brighan has been advised that we appreciate his interest in calling us; however, that it would be impossible to be with them on this occasion due to prior commitments. Brighan has been advised informally that actions of this nature cannot be engaged in by FBI representatives inasmuch as it would appear to the general public that the FBI, itself, has sponsored such activities. He thoroughly understood and will keep us advised of any development of Legion activities in this regard.

Mr. Brighan has written a personal letter in addition to talking with DeLoach regarding this matter. The letter has been acknowledged by personal call to Brighan, and there is no need for further acknowledgement.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

cc - Mr. M. A. Jones

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November 30, 1954

Honorable Seaborn P. Collins
National Commander
The American Legion
704 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Collins:

I want to offer my heartiest personal
congratulations upon your being selected by the
Las Cruces Lions Club to receive the award as
the outstanding citizen in November 22, 1954.
This is indeed a real honor and a deserved one.

Mr. D. A. Bryce has informed me of the
generous comments about the FBI and my administra-
tion of its activities which you made on that
occasion. My associates and I are deeply grateful
for your kindness, and we hope that we may always
be able to carry out our duties in a manner deserving
of your support.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Albuquerque
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Note: Files reflect limited cordial relations with
Mr. Collins.

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PERSONAL ATTENTION
~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL~~
SAC LETTER NO. 54-61

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. O:

November 2, 1954 WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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(A) AMERICAN LEGION COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE SEMINARS -- "The Firing Line" is a biweekly paper published by the National Americanism Commission of The American Legion. It is dedicated to furnishing to the membership at large "Facts for Fighting Communism."

The October 15, 1954, issue of "The Firing Line" calls attention to a program initiated by a Legion Post that is sponsoring "a Counter-Subversive Seminar, featuring well known experts on the basic phases of the criminal Communist conspiracy." Listed speakers for this particular Seminar include Mr. Roy M. Cohn, former Chief Counsel to the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Government Operations, United States Senate; Dr. Bella V. Dodd, former member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A.; Dr. Anthony T. Bouscaren, of the Department of Political Science, Marquette University; Mr. Phil Tyrrell, an expert on the subject of Communism in the Field of Entertainment.

The paper concludes that in order to fight Communism successfully and intelligently, Legionnaires must have the facts, and they should get these facts by having a Counter-Subversive Seminar in their own community.

In view of the above, the field will undoubtedly get many requests from local Legion Posts to have a Bureau representative sit in on such a seminar. Bureau policy already precludes such participation or talks by Bureau speakers on the subject of Communism; however, I wish to re-emphasize at this time that any requests in line with the above should be firmly but graciously refused. While the Bureau enjoys most cordial relations with The American Legion, I do not believe it would be wise to inject ourselves into such controversial panel discussions. The Bureau should be advised of any requests received from local Legion Posts for a Bureau representative to appear on such a seminar,

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: December 28, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols

G.L.R. 3 ✓

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION MATTERS

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 Gandy _____

As a matter of information, Seaborn Collins, the National Commander of the American Legion, has indicated to DeLoach that he has been made a member of the Legion's National Security Training Committee. The recommendation for this appointment was made by Mr. William J. Holloman, National Executive Committeeman of the District of Columbia. The appointment is more or less honorary in nature; however, it gives official status for purposes of attending the national conventions and being connected with activities which are of mutual interest to the FBI and the American Legion. No time will be consumed as a result of this appointment.

All literature regarding training in security by the American Legion will be brought to DeLoach's attention; however, and this, of course, will afford an opportunity to observe various training programs conducted by the Legion.

ACTION:

For informational purposes.

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making good progress
in this.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: December 30,
1954FROM : H. L. Edwards *115*SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION *7.1.1.1*

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Belmont	_____
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Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

For the Bureau's information there are, according to the national headquarters of the American Legion, 60 war veterans among the 96 U. S. Senators and 250 veterans among the 434 members of the House of Representatives.

Of the 60 senators who are veterans 59 are members of the American Legion. Of the 250 Congressmen who are veterans 236 are members of the American Legion.

RECOMMENDATION:

None: For information.

John
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cc: Mr. DeLoach
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *V. per [initials]*

DATE: January 25, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols *[initials]*SUBJECT: SEABORN P. COLLINS
NATIONAL COMMANDER - AMERICAN LEGION - *[initials]*
APPOINTMENT WITH THE DIRECTOR
10:00 a.m., January 26, 1955
D.C. 11-1-55

Tolson	_____
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Belmont	_____
Harbo	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
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Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

In connection with the captioned individual's appointment with the Director at 10:00 a.m., January 26, 1955, the Director may be interested in several recent events which might make interesting conversational topics with Mr. Collins.

Mr. Collins is a prominent resident of the State of New Mexico. In December, 1954, the Lions Club of Albuquerque, New Mexico, named Mr. Collins as "an outstanding citizen." SAC Bryce of our Albuquerque Office attended the meeting at which this award was given to Mr. Collins, and following the meeting, briefly thanked Mr. Collins for several commendatory remarks that Collins had made during the lunch regarding the Director and the FBI.

Mr. Collins has been security-minded since assuming his duties as National Commander in October, 1954. He has insisted on good cooperation with the FBI. He recently appointed DeLoach as a member of the National Security Training Committee of the American Legion. He stated he had purposely guided this appointment in order to promote as close a liaison as possible between the FBI and the American Legion.

The Director may desire to mention to Mr. Collins our appreciation for the two resolutions concerning the Director and the FBI which were passed by the entire assembly of the American Legion at its national convention in Washington in October, 1954. The first resolution commended the Director personally for his excellent code of living and recommended that all Legionnaires follow the example set by the Director. The second resolution commended the FBI and deplored the attacks upon our organization on the part of subversive influences within the United States. Both resolutions have been formally presented to the FBI and were delivered to the Director's Office in December, 1954. *[initials]*

The Director will recall that former Inspector Lee Pennington is now serving as Director of the Americanism Commission of the American Legion. Commander Collins knows Pennington well.

cc: Mr. Holloman

Mr. Jones

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RE SEABORN P. COLLINS
NATIONAL COMMANDER - AMERICAN LEGION
APPOINTMENT WITH THE DIRECTOR
10:00 a.m., January 26, 1955

Director. Mr. DeLoach will introduce Commander Collins to the

ACTION:

✓ *WJ*

For information.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : J. E. Nichols *JEN*

SUBJECT: INDEXING OF DAILY WORKER
ISSUES 1934 - 1946

DATE: Dec. 6, 1954

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Lee Pennington called. The American Legion is sponsoring a project of indexing, for the Americanism Commission, prominent names and organizations which have appeared in Daily Worker issues from 1934 through 1946. Pennington indicated that he would obtain copies of the results of this project for the FBI if we so desired. A check was made with the Domestic Intelligence Division and it was ascertained that the New York Office has indexed the Daily Worker back to 1941. The exact date that indexing was initiated in our central records at the Seat of Government is unknown; however, it is believed that we did not go back as far as 1934. Mr. Pennington was therefore advised that we would appreciate being informally given a copy of the reports involved. He indicated this would be done in confidence.

ACTION:

It is suggested this memorandum be forwarded to the Domestic Intelligence Division for information.

cc: Mr. Boardman
 Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Wainart

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Mr. Tolson

Nov. 30, 1954

L. B. Nichols

For record purposes, I attended a luncheon put on jointly by the American Coalition and the American Legion in the Vandenberg Room of the Capitol on November 30th, at which time the honored guest was Richard Arens of the Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization for Internal Security. Arens was presented the Founders Medal of the Order of the American Coalition and a Citation of Merit from the American Legion. He was eulogized most highly by the speakers, which included Senators Welker, Eastland, Ferguson and Jenner. There were 23 people present. It appeared to be a very nice affair.

Gardner Osborne, a New York advertising man, who was President of the American Coalition in 1951-1952, spoke on behalf of the American Coalition and commented at great length on the high regard which Captain John B. Trevor had for Arens and also commented that Captain Trevor has been ill and has not been able to get around too much.

I personally congratulated Arens and as usual Arens was very complimentary pertaining to the Bureau. I think the attached note to Arens from the Director would be in order.

As a matter of interest, there was considerable discussion on the McCarthy rally in Madison Square Garden in New York City on Monday night, November 29th. A Colonel William F. Heimlich stated that a count had been made and there were 22,000 people present at the meeting but no where near this figure was given credit by the news coverage.

Attachment

c: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Jones

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *Walt* DATE: 1/13/55

FROM : L. B. Nichols *hew*

SUBJECT: SEABORN P. COLLINS
NATIONAL COMMANDER
O AMERICAN LEGION - *27102-1*

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Mr. DeLoach met with Mr. Seaborn P. Collins, National Commander, American Legion, on 1/13/55, at his office at American Legion Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Collins was as usual most commendatory about the FBI and the Director. He stated that he would like very much to drop over and have a brief visit with the Director in the very near future. He then asked about the possibility of seeing the Director at any time during the afternoon of 1/25/55, and any time during the day of 1/26/55, or the afternoon of 1/27/55. This falls on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, respectively. Mr. Collins was advised that the Director would be acquainted with his desire and that we would contact him regarding the possibility of an appointment on any of the above mentioned dates.

Mr. Collins has been most active in his role as National Commander of the American Legion. He is most security conscious and has on repeated occasions "pushed" the role of security and intelligence in speeches and contacts with various Legion groups. He has been commendatory of the FBI on several public occasions, the most recent one being at a Lions Club meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at which time SAC Bryce of the Albuquerque Office was present at the meeting.

During the above mentioned interview, DeLoach thanked Mr. Collins for a recent appointment to the National Security Committee of the American Legion. The National Commander indicated that he purposely steered this appointment inasmuch as he wanted the closest possible liaison between the FBI and the American Legion.

In the event the Director can see the National Commander on any of the above mentioned dates, he will, of course, be immediately advised by my office.

ACTION:

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For information and possible action. A summary memorandum on

Mr. Collins, dated September 22, 1954, is attached.

cc - Mr. Holloman

Mr. Jones

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I can see him at 10 a.m. Jan 26. H.

*NOTE: Mr. Collins
will be in
@ 1:30 p.m.
1/16/55*

January 27, 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. NICHOLS

G.I.R.-9

Yesterday I saw Mr. Seaborn P. Collins, National Commander of the American Legion, who was accompanied to my office by Inspector DeLoach. I took occasion to express to the National Commander the appreciation of the Bureau for the support and assistance which the American Legion has always been to us, even through the years when it was not popular to expose Communism as vigorously as the FBI has done.

I was considerably impressed with the ability, earnestness, and sincerity of the National Commander and it gives one a feeling of confidence to know that we have the active support of such a leader as the National Commander of the American Legion.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

SENT FROM D. O.
TIME 3:35 PM
DATE 1-27-55
BY [Signature]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: Jan. 24, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION REQUEST FOR 5,000 COPIES OF
DIRECTOR'S ARTICLE "THE COMMUNISTS ARE AFTER
OUR MINDS"

Tolson	✓
Boardman	✓
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Belmont	✓
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Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

Lee Pennington, Director of the Americanism Commission of the American Legion, called. The Indianapolis Headquarters of the Legion has requested to be furnished with 5,000 copies of the above-mentioned article. Lee wanted to know if we might help him out by reproducing these copies ourselves. He stated they would be placed in envelopes with the next issue of "The Firing Line," an American Legion publication, and would be sent to Legion officials throughout the country.

You will recall that the above-mentioned article was published in the October, 1954, issue of American Magazine. I am of the opinion we should honor this request and forward the reproductions to Lee as soon as they are completed. We have several hundred on hand already, and it will be a simple matter to print the remaining copies.

ACTION:

As indicated above.

CC: Mr. Jones
CC: Mr. Boardman
CC: Mr. Belmont

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5000 copies
to Mr. Lee Pennington, American Legion
1608 K St, NW, Washington D.C.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *1/27/55*

FROM : L. B. Nichols *for*

SUBJECT: SEABORN P. COLLINS
NATIONAL COMMANDER - AMERICAN LEGION

DATE: Jan. 26, 1955

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I thought the Director and you might be interested in some of the comments made by Seaborn Collins, National Commander of the American Legion, following his departure from the Director's Office at 10:35 a.m. this morning. Mr. Collins is most enthusiastic regarding his meeting with the Director. He commented several times that the Director had certainly given him much food for thought about the dangerousness of the Communist Party and the precariousness of some lines of thinking in the United States today. He stated that he was going to instruct George Kelly, who writes all of his speeches, to contact my office in the future to ascertain, if possible, Mr. Hoover's thoughts on certain issues so that he, Collins, without quoting the Director, could use those thoughts as a basis for future speeches. He intends using some of the comments of the Director, without publicly quoting the Director, in his talk tomorrow night before a large group of Senators and Representatives and one thousand women of the Legion Auxilliary.

Mr. Collins apologized for taking so much of the Director's time. He stated, however, that he was so intent in hanging upon the Director's every word of advice that the time completely slipped away from him.

The National Security Commission of the American Legion, which is composed of all National Executive Committeemen throughout the United States, is meeting on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week in Executive Session. They are to be briefed by the Department of State and the Department of Defense relative to current policies of the United States Government. Mr. Collins has requested DeLoach to accompany him in these meetings and if there are no objections, we will accede to this request; however, only a brief time each day will be spent with Mr. Collins and the National Executive Committeemen.

After leaving the Director's Office, Mr. Collins was introduced to [redacted] one of our Identification employees who is currently serving as [redacted]. He likewise was introduced to [redacted]

cc: Mr. Jones
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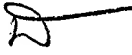

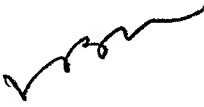

Memorandum to Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols
RE: SEABORN P. COLLINS
NATIONAL COMMANDER - AMERICAN LEGION

Special Agent D. G. Hanning who has a distinguished war record and is active in American Legion affairs.

Mr. Collins mentioned the possibility of the Director accepting a luncheon invitation from him at the Mayflower Hotel within the near future. We told him that the Director's schedule was extremely heavy; however, he should let us know in advance and we would consult with the Director relative to this possibility. Collins, after Saturday, will be out of town for approximately two weeks.

ACTION:

For record purposes.



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February 9, 1955

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Mr. George J. Kelly
Director
National Public Relations Division
The American Legion
1608 K Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Your letter of February 4, 1955, with
enclosure, has been received.

I was most happy to learn of the 36th
Birthday Anniversary of The American Legion. It
is a pleasure to enclose a statement which you
may use in connection with this occasion as you
indicated.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

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NOTE: Correspondent enclosed a statement by President
Eisenhower dated January 24, 1955, which is to be used
in connection with this occasion. Bufiles contain no
derogatory information identifiable with correspondent.

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February 9, 1955

Outstanding among the groups which have
presented a stalwart defense ^{against} the Communist menace,
The American Legion has long been a source of great
pride to its members and the citizens of America.

We in the FBI are well aware of the staunch
support and cooperation we have received from Legion-
naires. It is a genuine pleasure to have the
opportunity to extend my heartiest best wishes to
The American Legion on its 38th Birthday Anniversary.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION

1608 K STREET, N. W.

WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

February 4, 1955

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Constitution and 9th, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On March 15-17 the 26th Birthday Anniversary of The American Legion will be observed throughout the country.

The President of the United States has recently honored us with a statement of birthday greetings which we are circulating throughout our Membership in advance of the birthday celebration.

It would please us very much if you as Director of the U. S. Federal Bureau of Investigation were to offer a similar greeting.

For your information and guidance in the consideration of this request, I enclose a copy of the message received from The President.

Trusting that this suggestion may be favorably received,
I am

Sincerely yours,

George J. Kelly
GEORGE J. KELLY, Director
National Public Relations Division

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Enclosure

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

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January 24, 1955

Dear Commander Collins:

To all my fellow members of the American Legion, I extend warm greetings on the occasion of its thirty-sixth birthday.

Since the early days of peace following World War I, Legionnaires have stood for a high sense of patriotic duty - for unwavering devotion to homeland, for citizen alertness and effort to preserve an America strong and free and secure. May resoluteness and wisdom characterize the activities of the men of the Legion as they uphold these principles through many decades to come.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dwight D. Eisenhower

Mr. Seaborn P. Collins
National Commander
The American Legion
1608 K Street, N. W.
Washington, 6, D. C.

ENCLOSURE

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: WILLIAM HOLLoman
National Executive Committeeman
The American Legion -

DATE: 2/8/55

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Bill Holloman, National Executive Committeeman of The American Legion, District of Columbia, called DeLoach in my office on 2/7/55. He indicated he had been backing a child welfare program in the State of Maryland and that he would be extremely appreciative if DeLoach would consent to make a talk to a number of Legion Auxiliaries and Legion Posts who would be assembled at College Park, Maryland, for a combined meeting in the near future. The subject should be on juvenile delinquency.

Mr. Holloman was advised that he should get in touch with us when he had a definite date in mind and that we, of course, would be glad to talk to him about this matter.

While talking with Holloman, he also mentioned that the District of Columbia American Legion was attempting to influence various Congressional Representatives in the establishment of a veterans hospital for tuberculosis in the District of Columbia area. He indicated that the present veterans hospital, Mt. Alto, was in very bad physical condition and cannot accommodate the number tubercular cases in veteran circles. Bill wanted to know if we could be of assistance to him in this regard.

He was advised that it would be impossible at this time to be of help to him in view of responsibilities already committed, i. e., work in the security training field and other commitments to the National Commander Seaborn Collins. He stated he understood and, of course, did not want to impose additional burdens.

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For record purposes.

cc - Mr. Jones

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

February 25, 1955

WASHINGTON OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER
1608 K STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, 25, D. C.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
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Mr. Winterrowd	
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Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your message of congratulations on the occasion of the
36th Birthday Anniversary of The American Legion has been
relayed to me. *NA 11/1/55*

On behalf of The American Legion I wish to express our
thanks and appreciation for your inspiring message.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Seaborn P. Collins
SEABORN P. COLLINS

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/2/55

FROM : SAC, New Haven (136-1)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE SEMINARS

Re SAC LET 54-61 (A) captioned as above.

This is to advise that Mr. EDWARD LYNCH, Chairman of the Americanism Committee of the American Legion for the State of Connecticut, in connection with a visit to the NHO concerning other matters requested the writer to speak at the annual conference of the Americanism Committee, which is to be held during the spring. It was indicated that he was desirous of the writer speaking on some phase of the subject of Communism and he further stated that he was endeavoring to secure former Inspector LEE PENNINGTON, who is now affiliated with the American Legion, to also be a speaker on this program.

In accordance with the Bureau's instructions set forth in referenced SAC Let, the writer graciously declined the request and explained to Mr. LYNCH the policy of the FBI on speaking on this subject matter. On this occasion I reemphasized the cordial relationship which exists between the FBI in Connecticut and the American Legion and pointed out to Mr. LYNCH the numerous speaking engagements which the FBI is accepting throughout the State of Connecticut to appear before local Legion Posts at which time talks are given concerning the work of the FBI. Mr. LYNCH was very cordial during the contact and indicated that he understood the position of the Bureau in regard to this matter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *gms*

FROM : L. B. Nichols *LB*

SUBJECT: FRED C. SCHWARZ
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: Feb. 25, 1955

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Bill Hauck, the Secretary and Aide to Seaborn Collins, National Commander of The American Legion, called. Seaborn told Bill to check with us relative to the captioned individual whom the Legion desires to have address the National Executive Committee of The American Legion within the near future. The National Commander merely wanted to make certain that Schwarz was not an individual of subversive background whose designation to address the National Executive Committee might in some manner bring embarrassment to the American Legion.

After checking, DeLoach returned Hauck's call and advised him confidentially that we had never investigated Mr. Schwarz. It was indicated that public source data put out by Schwarz and Reverend Guy Weniger, Pastor of the Foothill Boulevard Baptist Church, Oakland, California, reflected that Schwarz is a practicing physician and surgeon of Sydney, Australia. He was previously a lecturer in mathematics and science at Teachers College, Queensland, Australia. Schwarz is reported to be an authority on Communism, according to the public source data.

Hauck stated he appreciated this information very much and that he would have the Department of California Legion try to get a line on Schwarz in that locality.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: March 3, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols *lbn*

SUBJECT:

SPEECH BEFORE AMERICAN LEGION POST
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
 MARCH 24, 1955

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D.C.
 Bill Holliman, National Executive Committeeman of the American Legion for the District of Columbia and an official of the Internal Revenue Service, contacted DeLoach on March 3, 1955, and asked him to appear before the American Legion Post of the Internal Revenue on March 24, 1955, to discuss the subject of juvenile delinquency. Mr. Holliman indicated that several hundred men would be in attendance and that he would appreciate very much if this invitation could be honored.

Holliman is a good contact with the American Legion and has been very cooperative. DeLoach has no prior commitments for March 24, 1955, and I suggest that we allow him to accept this invitation. If you approve, Mr. Holliman will be advised accordingly.

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For record purposes.

cc: Mr. Jones
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: March 11, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S ARTICLE APPEARING IN
JANUARY ISSUE OF AMERICAN MAGAZINE
"YOU CAN HELP STOP JUVENILE CRIME"

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Lee Pennington called. Randall X Shake, Director, National Child Welfare Commission, The American Legion, Post Office Box 1055, Indianapolis, Indiana, had called Pennington and indicated that he was tremendously impressed, as were the other members of the Child Welfare Commission of The American Legion, with the Director's article as captioned above. Shake wanted to know if the FBI could send him one hundred copies of this article.

DeLoach told Lee we would be glad to do this. Copies of the article have been forwarded to Mr. Shake. 6

ACTION: For record purposes.

cc: Mr. Jones
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Mr. Lee R. Pennington
National Director
National Americanism Commission
The American Legion
1608 K Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Lee: *Pennington*

Thank you very much for your note of April 21, 1955, in which you so thoughtfully extended an invitation for Inspector Gartha D. DeLoach to attend the Spring Meeting of the National Americanism Commission to be held in Indianapolis on May 1-2, 1955.

Mr. DeLoach will fly to Indianapolis on Sunday and return to Washington on Monday evening. As you realize, his schedule is very heavy, and both he and I regret it will not be possible for him to spend both days with you.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

U.S. NATIONAL ARCHIVES
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FBI
Note: Inspector DeLoach attended a National Americanism Commission meeting in Indianapolis from October 3 to October 5, 1954. The Bureau has enjoyed very cordial relations with this organization. Mr. Pennington is a former Inspector of the FBI and is well-known by all Bureau officials.

cc - Mr. DeLoach (with copy of incoming)

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION

1608 K STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

April 21, 1955

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Sizoo	✓
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ninth and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Spring Meeting of the National Americanism Commission will be held in Indianapolis on May 1-2, 1955. This is one of the meetings at which the Bureau has nearly always been represented in years past, and it would be very much appreciated if Inspector C. D. DeLoach could be present at this meeting where many problems of mutual interest to The American Legion and the Bureau will be discussed.

Sincerely yours,

Lee

LEE R. PENNINGTON

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: May 4, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols *W.C.*SUBJECT: MONOGRAPHS PREPARED BY AMERICAN LEGION
COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE SECTION

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While attending an executive meeting of the Americanism Commission, American Legion Headquarters, Indianapolis, Indiana, DeLoach was contacted by Wayne Murphy, Chief of Research of the American Legion Counter-Subversive Section, Americanism Commission. Murphy has been very friendly toward the FBI for a number of years and is the type of individual who is sincerely interested in intelligence research. He is a very capable individual and has been very appreciative for guidance that we have been able to give him from time to time. He, of course, realizes that our files are confidential and, therefore, has made no request for information from the files.

Murphy was quite interested in exhibiting some of his last monographs. These include the following:

- Records of Certain Individuals Reported To Be Affiliated with American Civil Liberties Union
- Reports, Counter-Subversive Section, National Americanism Commission
- Preliminary Report on Subversive Activities in the State of Indiana
- Preliminary Report on United World Federalists, Inc.
- Preliminary Report on the Society for the Prevention of World War III, Inc.
- Preliminary Report on the American Association for the United Nations, Inc.

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It is apparent that the Counter-Subversive Section of the American Legion has done considerable work in the preparation of the above monographs. Murphy indicated that the FBI undoubtedly had all of the information contained in the monographs already in our files. He thought perhaps we might be interested in looking over the monographs and if they are usable to any extent, we should feel perfectly free to retain them.

ENCLOSURE
cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont

CDD:arm

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Belmont we should retain these studies W.C. 5-5-55

Memorandum to Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols
RE: MONOGRAPHS PREPARED BY AMERICAN LEGION
COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE SECTION

It might be a good idea for our Central Research Section of the Domestic Intelligence Division to scan the monographs in question to see if they can be of any value to us or to ascertain if these monographs should be appropriately indexed and filed.

ACTION:

As indicated above.

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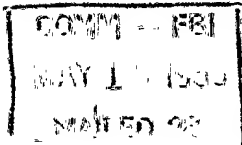
Mr. Lee J. Hennington
Director
National American Commission
The American Legion
1630 K Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Lee:

Thank you very much for your note of May 13,
concerning the National American Commission meeting
on May 2, 1955. I know Mr. DeLoach enjoyed being with
you, and I am happy to learn he did such a creditable
job.

Sincerely

J.E.H.



cc - Personnel file of Cartha Dekle DeLoach, with copy
of incoming.
cc - Mr. C. D. DeLoach, with copy of incoming

NOTE: C. D. DeLoach EOD 8-31-42 as clerk; as SA 12-14-42,
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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION

1608 K STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

May 13, 1955

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Sizoo
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ninth and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I want to express to you my personal appreciation as well as that of the National Americanism Commission for your assistance in making Inspector C. D. DeLoach available at the Commission Meetings at Indianapolis on May 2, 1955.

Mr. DeLoach, I believe, made excellent contacts for the Bureau and in addition was of material assistance to the Commission in answering questions on non-confidential matters.

Sincerely yours,

LEE R. PENNINGTON

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *Ward D.*

FROM : L. B. Nichols *WMS*

SUBJECT: *NAT.*
AMERICAN LEGION RESOLUTIONS
TO BE BROUGHT UP AT NATIONAL
CONVENTION, MIAMI, FLORIDA
 October 10, 1955

DATE: July 11, 1955 *28*

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You and the Director may be interested in knowing that there are currently four Resolutions pending to commend the Director and the FBI which will be brought up before the National Convention of The American Legion in October, 1955, in Miami, Florida. *7017*

The Department of Pennsylvania has passed a Resolution recommending that an annual award entitled "The J. Edgar Hoover Award" be presented to the individual in each state, by the individual American Legion Department, who has done the most during the year to combat juvenile delinquency. *mc-82*

Another Resolution is pending from the Department of Alabama commending the FBI and deploring the savage attack of the Communist Party and Communist sympathizers upon FBI informants. *of*

A third Resolution has been passed by a Post of colored Legionnaires in the District of Columbia commending the FBI for its work in the counterintelligence and security field.

A fourth Resolution has been brought up by the American Legion Post within the Commerce Department commending the Director and the FBI and deploring the Communist Party attack upon FBI informants.

The above matters will be followed closely. It is anticipated that all four Resolutions will be brought up in the National Convention.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

cc: Mr. Jones
 Mr. Hanning

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: May 5, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: E.L. CLEVELAND
 PROFESSOR - NEW MEXICO STATE COLLEGE
 LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO

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While in Indianapolis, Indiana, on Monday, May 2, 1955, attending an executive meeting of the Americanism Commission of the American Legion, DeLoach was contacted by Seaborn Collins, National Commander of the American Legion, relative to the captioned individual. Commander Collins stated he had received a letter from Cleveland protesting the actions of the American Legion in the field of Americanism and in expressing opposition to organizations believed to be Communist in nature. Commander Collins indicated that he had written Cleveland a brief, pointed letter in reply reflecting that the American Legion had for a long time fought for elimination of Communism and the victory of democracy over Communism. Collins wanted to know if we could give him a brief rundown on Cleveland on a strictly confidential basis. He is of the opinion that Cleveland will again be writing him. DeLoach told Commander Collins that we might be able to give him a little guidance and the American Legion sources could check further for him in this regard.

Files reflect that we investigated an Ernest Lynn Cleveland in October, 1951, at the request of the Atomic Energy Commission. He was a professor at the New Mexico State College at that particular time. There was no derogatory information uncovered during the investigation with the exception that one reference had on occasion associated with an individual whose wife had at one time been a member of the Communist Party. There appeared to be no relationship between Cleveland and the individual whose wife had been a member of the Party.

It may be that there is some animosity between Commander Collins and the subject of his inquiry in Commander Collins' hometown of Las Cruces, New Mexico. If so, we, of course, should steer clear of such matters. I recommend that DeLoach be allowed to call Commander Collins and tell him that we have no derogatory information involving Mr. Cleveland.

ACTION: As indicated above.

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July 21, 1955

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Mr. Lee R. Pennington
Director
National Americanism Commission
The American Legion
1608 K Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Lee:

Your letter of July 18, 1955, has been received, and it was good to hear from you again.

As you know, it was a pleasure for me to shake hands with the boys last year, and I would certainly enjoy meeting the group this year. I deeply regret, however, that I will be out of town when they visit FBI Headquarters. If you desire, one of my assistants will be happy to greet them.

Sincerely,

~~J. Edgar Hoover~~
J. E. H.

cc - Tour Room, with copy of incoming.
cc - Mr. Holloman, with copy of incoming.
cc - Mr. Nichols, with copy of incoming

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NOTE: Mr. Pennington is on Bureau mailing list and the Director met this group in 1954. Handling per call to Mr. De Loach. Tour Room advised tour scheduled as indicated. 90 Boys will be in group.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION

1608 K STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

July 18, 1955

Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Harbo	✓
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Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Ninth and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The American Legion's Boys' Nation group will be conducted on a tour of the Bureau on Wednesday, July 27, 1955 from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 11:30 a.m.

Last year you gave the boys a real treat by allowing them to meet you and shake your hand. I certainly hope that in the event you will be in Washington on the morning of the 27th and can find time in your busy schedule the boys in attendance this year will also be accorded the same opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Lee
LEE R. PENNINGTON

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THE AMERICAN LEG
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1608 K STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

August 12, 1955

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: William Henry Harris, former employee of the National Americanism Commission of The American Legion.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

From various sources in Indianapolis, Indiana, I have learned that William Henry Harris, former employee, is peddling considerable misinformation concerning his dismissal.

Prior to my employment as Director of the National Americanism Commission in November 1953, the then National Commander of The American Legion, Louis K. Gough, employed a former Commander in the Office of Naval Intelligence, Mr. Wayne Murphy, to take charge of research in connection with The American Legion's counter-subversive publication, The Firing Line.

This apparently antagonized Harris as he had anticipated being promoted to the position to which Murphy was appointed; and on the first day that I was in the office, Harris initiated a program of sniping at Murphy. Thereafter, on every occasion that Harris and I were together, he made attempts to further discredit Murphy.

During the very first week of my employment, I learned that on numerous occasions on ordinary administrative matters, Harris was going over my head and carrying them up to the National Adjutant as well as the office of Mr. Edward Kelly, National Commander Arthur J. Connell's Administrative Assistant. I talked about this to Harris and informed him that if he continued to take exception to my administrative rulings by going to my superiors, I intended to get rid of him.

Mr. Jack Oakey, Director of the National Field Service Division, now deceased, whose office was directly across from the one occupied by Harris, complained to me that during telephone conversations, Harris' filthy, lurid language was a constant source of embarrassment to the ladies working in Mr. Oakey's office. I spoke to Harris rather strongly about this, and thereafter his language moderated.

I further learned that Harris had attempted to molest one of the stenographers in the National Americanism Commission.

I found that matters definitely pertaining to the office which should have been retained therein were being discussed by Harris with outsiders having no connection with our work.

At the time of his dismissal I tried to ascertain Harris' address since there was none on file other than National Headquarters. I talked to a former Department

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Commander of Indiana concerning Harris' location outside of office hours, and he informed me that he knew of two women with whom Harris had been living in Indianapolis. Harris' wife and child live at Long Island.

At the Rehabilitation Conference held in Washington early in March 1954, I talked to Judge Alter from Colorado who had been quite active in The American Legion. He was rather emphatic about not wanting Harris to return to Colorado but stated that he would rather not give the reasons behind his statement.

At the office of Mr. Walter Steele, 511 Eleventh Street, I met Col. William Warner, a teacher at Ohio State University and a member of the Ohio State Civil Defense, who informed me that when Harris was sent to Columbus to speak at a Counter-Subversive Seminar, he had over indulged in liquor and molested one of the ladies who attended the Seminar.

Also, early in March 1954 the State Adjutant of Montana informed me that in 1953 when Harris was scheduled to appear in the Montana State Convention, he failed to turn up at the Hotel where arrangements had been made for him and was finally located by the State Adjutant, staying in a motel on the outskirts of town with a woman.

Harris, while supposed to answer inquiries coming in from all over the country relating to subversive activities, seemed to limit his correspondence to a few individuals who carried on extensive counter-subversive activities, and all but one of them had no connection with the National Organization's program. I had to discontinue Harris' practice of using stenographers to make additional index cards on subversives for Legionnaires having no connection with their Department programs.

Prior to the employment of Wayne Murphy, Mr. Karl Baarslag was in charge of counter-subversive activities and publication of The Firing Line. I inquired of him as to why Harris was re-employed by the National Americanism Commission after he had terminated his services in 1952 or 1953 and gone to New York to secure other employment. Baarslag stated that Harris was unable to secure employment and came back to Indianapolis and contacted Mr. Allan Willand, the Director who preceded me. Willand called Baarslag here in Washington and told him that Harris wanted re-employment, whereupon Baarslag informed him that Harris was not worth a plug nickel. Baarslag informed me that Willand promptly said, "Wait a minute, Bill is here now and will talk to you himself". Baarslag said that inasmuch as he had been put on the spot, he couldn't do anything but take Harris back.

While I am definitely not in a position to prove it, it appears that quite a few of the derogatory articles which appeared in one of the Indianapolis newspapers, a Scripps-Howard publication, The Indianapolis Times, under the by-line of Irving Leibowitz, originated with Harris.

The last time I was in Indianapolis, one of Harris' chief side kicks, a Legionnaire by the name of McCaskill, came into my office relative to Harris' inability to secure employment.

For your information, due to the number of articles which appeared in various newspapers throughout the country after Harris' dismissal, indicating that The American Legion was soft-peddling Communism, National Commander Arthur J. Connell insisted on a letter being sent to various members of The American Legion with whom Harris might subsequently come in contact. Based on the National Commander's instructions, I prepared such a letter, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover

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August 12, 1955

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a statement made by Henry H. Dudley, National Adjutant on February 25, 1954.

Also, as an indication of Harris' mental attitude, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter he directed to Mr. H. Rowan Gaither, Jr., Ford Fund for the Republic, on March 18, 1955.

Prior to Harris' dismissal, he had reached the point where he not only was accusing Murphy of being a Red, but, likewise, another member of my staff who happens to be a devout Catholic.

The last time I talked to Harris, I informed him that I couldn't understand why he kept on needling me to dispense with his services. I told him that the only conclusion I could reach, due to his attempts to create a chaotic condition in the National Americanism Commission, was that he either was still a member of the Communist Party or definitely a psychopathic case. I informed him that I inclined to the latter.

On two or three occasions when Harris was in my office, he insisted that he was dismissed at the insistence of the Anti-Defamation League. An incident occurred sometime prior to his dismissal in which he had sent out material in the same envelope with The Firing Line which had been prepared by an individual who was alleged to be one of the Florida leaders of the Ku Klux Klan. For your information, while the Anti-Defamation League did remonstrate concerning the brochure, they did not ask for Harris' dismissal.

I fully realize that I should have dismissed Harris the very first day I assumed the Directorship of the National Americanism Commission. I knew enough about his lack of reliability, as the Bureau well knows, to have gotten rid of him at that time.

Sincerely yours,


LEE R. PENNINGTON

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Enclosures

THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

1608 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

March 8, 1954

TO: DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS - THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT ADJUTANTS - THE AMERICAN LEGION
MEMBERS AMERICANISM COMMISSION - THE AMERICAN LEGION
MEMBERS COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE - Executive Section - THE AMERICAN LEGION

I assumed the Directorship of the Americanism Commission of The American Legion on November 23, 1953, and shortly thereafter learned that William E. Harris, Research Analyst, was not cooperating with the rest of the staff. In an effort to eliminate friction, a division of the assignments on subversive activities was agreed upon by the two specialists engaged in this type of activity. Harris' cooperation was of short duration. He repeatedly took exception to administrative decisions, voicing his disapproval both to officials within the National Organization and to outsiders having no connection with the work of the Division.

He showed a complete lack of consideration for the feelings of others and was grossly insubordinate. In two areas where he appeared on seminars, I was informed that Harris would not again be welcome.

Harris was dismissed on February 17, 1954. Immediately thereafter, a wholly false statement appeared in Indianapolis newspapers stating that his services were terminated due to his support of the Bricker Amendment. These were promptly denied by the National Adjutant. Harris was dismissed due to the fact that he was an unsatisfactory employee.

Reputable Legionnaires reported that Harris intended to initiate a smear campaign against several at National Headquarters to force the subject of his dismissal before the Executive Committee Meeting in May. The National organization hopes that Departments will be circumspect in using this disgruntled employee on future programs.

There has been no let-up in the fight against the Communist menace. I feel we are now diversifying the material in the FIRING LINE to a greater extent than we have in the past. Applications of a number of prospective employees are being reviewed in order to fill the existing vacancy.

Sincerely yours,

Lee R. Pennington
Lee R. Pennington
Director

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From--The American Legion, National Public Relations Commission
1608 K St., N.W., Washington, D. C., EXecutive 3-4811

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Statement by Henry H. Dudley
National Adjutant of The American Legion

William H. Harris, research specialist in The American Legion's National Americanism Division, was discharged on Tuesday, February 16 for insubordination.

It was a purely administrative matter.

Reports that Harris was released because of his support of the Bricker amendment are poppycock.

The American Legion is on record officially as indorsing the Bricker amendment. National Commander Arthur J. Connell has spoken in favor of it, and so have other Legion officials including myself. At its St. Louis National Convention last year The American Legion approved the provisions of the Bricker amendment.

The Harris dismissal has also been misinterpreted as reflecting a letup in the Legion's traditional stand against Communism. This is, of course, preposterous.

Our new director of the National Americanism Division, Lee R. Pennington, under whom Harris worked, came to us from 25 years service with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Anyone who knows anything about the FBI and J. Edgar Hoover must know where Pennington stands with regard to Communism.

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Feb. 25, 1954

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(2) 94-1-17998 - 1158

March 18, 1955

Mr. H. Rowan Gaither, Jr.
Ford Foundation
477 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Gaither:

~~This is a~~ formal request for a grant of 15 million dollars to establish
"The Fund to Save the Republic of the United States of America."

Our Constitution firmly sets out the principles by which our Government shall operate. It allocates specific duties to local and federal Government with safeguards to prohibit the usurping of power by the Federal Government. Recent history indicates a trend toward the usurping of power by the Federal Government, hence the necessity for immediate and favorable action on this request.

Inasmuch as the "Ford Foundation" has seen fit to grant 15 million dollars to the "Fund for the Republic" without identifying the Republic (and millions throughout this great land of ours, feel it was for the sole benefit of the "Union of Socialist Soviet Republic"), I feel that the "Ford Foundation" would be more than anxious to make a similar grant of 15 million dollars to carry out the necessary and vital proposed work of "The Fund to Save the Republic of the United States of America."

I assure you that the staff of "The Fund to Save the Republic of the United States of America" will contain no individual who has given aid and comfort to the cause of socialism and/or Communism, Fascism or Nazism.

I will appreciate hearing from you at your earliest possible convenience.

Yours very truly,

William H. Harris
former Research Specialist
Un-American Activities Section
American Legion - National Headquarters

Indianapolis, Indiana

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: W. H. FERRY
VICE PRESIDENT
FUND FOR THE REPUBLIC

DATE: August 15, 1955

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Irving Ferman, the Washington representative of the American Civil Liberties Union, has been suspicious for sometime of the activities of the Fund for the Republic and he feels that their activities more closely proximate an action organization rather than a so-called foundation engaged in service activities. It has been ascertained that Ferry actually is running the Fund for the Republic while the President, Robert M. Hutchins, is going around the country making speeches. Ferman called me from New York on the afternoon of August 15, 1955, to advise that he had had lunch with Ferry and there were a few items which he thought would be of interest to us. He stated the Fund for the Republic would announce shortly that Stanford University Law School, under the direction of Dean Spath, would undertake an investigation of ten leading witnesses who have appeared on behalf of the Government in Communist cases before Congressional committees. Ferman stated that, of course, they were not going into the Matusow case but were going to concentrate on Elizabeth Bentley, Louis Budenz, Paul Crouch, and Manny Johnson. These were the only specific witnesses which he mentioned.

Ferman was also inquiring about other projects and Ferry told Ferman the Fund for the Republic was going to have an investigation made of the FBI and they were now looking around for someone to undertake this investigation. He was not specific as to in what area the investigation would center but did state that he would like to have a good Catholic law school undertake such an investigation. In addition, Ferry told Ferman that the Fund for the Republic was also going to have an investigation made into the activities of the American Legion and made the point that investigations in the controversial fields would be undertaken by colleges or universities.

Ferman stated that he got the very definite impression that Ferry feels that he has the power politically to undertake these investigations and Ferman is becoming more and more convinced that the Fund for the Republic has contact with some capable "left wingers."

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CC - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont

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Mr. Tolson

August 15, 1955

Ferman attended Harvard Law School and has been a close friend of Dean Griswold, whom he characterized as a one-time very conservative person but he cannot possibly understand Griswold's activities in recent years.

Memorandum to Board of Directors

I advised the Director of the foregoing. The Director instructed that there be prepared a comprehensive memorandum on the Fund for the Republic with background data on its principal officers, that it be kept up to date at all times as events might necessitate the use of such a memorandum on very little notice. The Director further inquired whether we had a summary on Ferry; and I told the Director that our information on Ferry was very meager. The Director instructed that a discreet check be made on Ferry in order that we might have good background material. Ferry at one time was connected with the CIO-PAC. His father is Chairman of the Board of the Packard Motor Company and we do have a few other minor bits of information on Ferry in our files. The thought occurs that it might be a good idea to check through the various Congressional hearings which went into the CIO-PAC a few years ago and check newspaper morgues and perhaps the Library of Congress for public source material as well as make discreet inquiries wherever they are indicated.

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September 6, 1955

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Mrs. Bowden E. Ward
Box 181
Kingwood, West Virginia

Dear Mrs. Ward:

Many thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending me the announcement of your candidacy for the post of National President, American Legion Auxiliary. You may be assured it has been a pleasure to cooperate with you and the Child Welfare Committee of the Women's Auxiliary in the past.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Mr. C. D. DeLoach

NOTE: Address per prior correspondence in August, 1954. Mrs. Ward has been National Chairman of the Child Welfare Committee for the Legion Auxiliary and in this connection has written to the Bureau in the past for material on juvenile delinquency and requested the Director to speak before their group in August, 1954, in Washington, D. C. Inspector C. D. DeLoach handled this speaking engagement when the Director declined because of prior commitment. In connection with her remarks concerning Mr. Hoover's statement for the "Dinner Bell Hour," it is noted that by letter dated 3-11-54 correspondent requested Director's opinion of the program of the Child Welfare Committee and also requested one or two table blessings remembered from childhood. This information was sent her by letter dated 3-16-54. Mention of Mrs. Ward's candidacy is kept to bare minimum in reply to avoid the possibility of her using Director's letter as endorsement.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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My sincere thanks for the many times you have helped me through the years - your statement for "The Dinner Bell Hour" - the Speaker and printed materials for my Child Welfare Committee last August in Washington.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ruby Ward.

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Sincerely

Ruby Ward.

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As Candidate for National President

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Mrs. Bowden D. Ward

The American Legion Auxiliary has always demanded and received courageous, inspiring leadership to fulfill its mission in the national life of our nation. The Department of West Virginia offers as a candidate for National President such a leader in the person of Mrs. Bowden D. Ward. The Department and her many friends in West Virginia are convinced that she has the necessary qualifications of leadership to bring this high office the dignity and honor it deserves.

A native West Virginian, Mrs. Ward is the wife of a veteran of World War I, and the mother of two daughters, one deceased and one whose husband served in World War II.

Her experience in local, state and national Auxiliary affairs has especially qualified her for this high office. She has the broadest possible training in the Auxiliary's organization. She has served as President of her unit, President of her Department, Vice President of Central Division and Chairman of all the major Committees in the national organization. Mrs. Ward has lived a lifetime of service to others.

With all these attributes of leadership, Ruby Ward is a friendly and dynamic, intensely human person, who will bring to the national organization a warmth and friendliness that will be unsurpassed by any other standards of comparison.

It is therefore with justifiable pride that we of West Virginia present to you Mrs. Bowden D. Ward as a candidate for National President of The American Legion Auxiliary.

UNIT: Member George D. Jackson Unit No. 56, with continuous membership since 1932. Unit President 1936-37.

DISTRICT: District President 1938-39.

DEPARTMENT

Department President 1944-45
Member of Executive Committee 18 years
Chairmanships:
Music, 3 years
National Security
Poppy
Americanism, 2 years
Juniors, 2 years
Member Girls State Board 1941-55
Director Girls State 1943-52
President of Past President's Parley

NATIONAL

National Executive Committeewoman
Chairman Area "B" Child Welfare
Member American Legion Spiritual Training Committee
Chairman, Central Division Girls State
National Vice President 1949-50
National Girls State Chairman
Director Girls Nation
Chairman, Americanism Committee
Chairman, National Security Committee
Chairman, Child Welfare Committee
Chairman, Rehabilitation Committee

Ruby Ward's outstanding qualities of leadership, demonstrated by long years of devoted and able service in positions of great responsibility in the Auxiliary, are a source of pride to all.

We of West Virginia enthusiastically endorse her for the high office of National President of The American Legion Auxiliary.

LOUIS JOHNSON, Past National Commander



Ruby Ward's distinguished accomplishments in the service of The Auxiliary reflect the sincerity, ability and charming dignity of a gracious leader who has resolutely advanced the ideals of The American Legion and its Auxiliary. We of West Virginia are proud to present her for the office of National President of The American Legion Auxiliary.

DONALD R. WILSON, Past National Commander



One of our most outstanding Auxiliary members and one of West Virginia's great leaders has announced her candidacy for the office of National President of The American Legion Auxiliary and which meets with the wholehearted approval of every Legionaire in West Virginia.

We know that the Auxiliary under Ruby Ward's leadership will reach new heights in accomplishing their aims and objectives.

We know, too, that wherever she may go Ruby will bring great credit and respect, both to our Department of West Virginia and the National Organization of The American Legion, and The American Legion Auxiliary.

LEONAL O. BICKEL, Department Commander



We, the Department of West Virginia, The American Legion Auxiliary consider it a privilege and honor to present Mrs. Bowden D. Ward of Kingwood for National President. Not only her outstanding ability in making correct decisions when confronted by challenging situations, but her sincere spiritual motivation and regard for her co-workers prove her to be a leader especially well qualified for this important office.

JUANITA H. FOWLER, Department President



West Virginia is presenting Mrs. B. D. Ward as a candidate for National President of The American Legion Auxiliary. Her service in the Auxiliary and her ability to go forward qualify her to lead our National Organization.

CATHERINE DAVIS, National Committeewoman



Ruby Ward served as President of The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia, when the writer was Department Commander. It was a privilege and excellent good fortune to serve with her, as her devotion to the principles and ideals of The American Legion and its Auxiliary were, and are, outstanding. She has been constant and unfailing in fulfilling her responsibilities to both, as an officer and as a member.

It is an honor to add my endorsement, together with that of her many friends, to her candidacy for National President.

PHRA E. KERCHVAL, National Committeeman of West Virginia



It is a great deal of pleasure for me, and I know the people of Kingwood join me in expressing the honor it gives us that Mrs. B. D. Ward has been selected as a candidate for National President of The American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Ward's leadership, long and hard work in the Auxiliary, will qualify her well for the top position.

JOHN A. CROGAN, Mayor of Kingwood



Mrs. B. D. Ward of Kingwood, West Virginia, is a lady of character and ability and it is a privilege for me to commend her as one worthy of the position of National President of The American Legion Auxiliary. If she is elected, I am sure she will serve the Auxiliary with distinction and with honor to her State and Nation.

WILLIAM C. MARLAND, Governor of West Virginia



West Virginia Presents

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 8/22/55

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: LEE PENNINGTON
DIRECTOR-AMERICANISM COMMISSION
THE AMERICAN LEGION

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Pennington called DeLoach, 8/22/55, and confidentially advised that Seaborn Collins, National Commander of the American Legion, and Henry Dudley, the National Adjutant, had been in conference with him over the weekend and had suggested to him that he might desire to accept a position of lesser responsibility with the Legion. Pennington was of the opinion that the proposal had come about as a result of several controversial items he had suggested for publication in the Firing Line, the monthly publication of the Americanism Commission of the American Legion. Pennington named several items he had originally scheduled for publication including the League of Women Voters, the American Civil Liberties Union, and several other organizations. These items were suppressed by Commander Collins and Adjutant Dudley on the basis that the Legion might be opening itself up to charges of libel. Pennington seemed extremely discouraged and indicated that he was considering resigning.

Hugh Overton, National Executive Committeeman of the Alabama State Department of the American Legion, confidentially advised us in May, 1955, that Pennington was slated to step down from his current position in view of the fact he had incurred the resentment of several executives of the Legion regarding a number of matters on which Pennington had recommended action without first checking with higher authority.

On the occasion of Pennington's above-mentioned call, he additionally mentioned that he had been instructed to move his office from Washington to Indianapolis.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

cc - Mr. Jones

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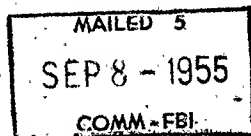
Mr. Joseph O'Connell
American Legion Headquarters
1608 K Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

Inspector [redacted] has advised me of your request last Friday for copies of part of the proceedings at the recent FBI National Academy graduation exercises.

It is a pleasure to enclose copies of the remarks I made when introducing Mr. Collins on that occasion and additional remarks which I made toward the end of the ceremony. Also enclosed is a copy of the current issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin. Beginning on page three you will find the text of the address by Mr. Collins.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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Introduction of Honorable Seaborn P. Collins, National Commander, The American Legion, by the Director.

Additional Remarks of the Director at FBI National Academy graduation exercises, June 10, 1955.

September, 1955, issue of FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.

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September 26, 1955

Mr. Lee E. Pennington
Assistant Director
National Americanism Commission
The American Legion
1608 K Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Lee:

Your letter of September 22, 1955, has been received, and you may be sure that Inspector Cartha D. DeLoach and I are grateful for your kind remarks concerning his efforts at the National Convention of The American Legion last year.

In accordance with your request it is a pleasure to advise you that Mr. DeLoach is available to attend meetings this year, and I know he is looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the opportunity of working with you again.

Sincerely,
J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Mr. DeLoach, with copy of incoming.
Room 5636.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION

1608 K STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

September 22, 1955

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Boardman ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Harbo ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Parsons ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Sizoo ✓
Mr. Winterrowd ✓
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Mr. Holloman ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We anticipate a very heavy program at the forthcoming National Convention in Miami, Florida in connection with Americanism activities.

The entire National Americanism Commission has been called, and meetings will be held on October 6-7. I further note that the National Convention Committee has been called prior to the opening of the Convention, and meetings of this Committee will begin on October 8.

Last year we had almost two hundred resolutions to process; and from reports received at National Headquarters, we anticipate having at least the same number this year.

At our last National Convention, Inspector C. D. DeLoach's services were invaluable in assisting both the National Americanism Commission and the Convention Committee; and I would very much appreciate his being permitted to attend all meetings, beginning with that of the National Americanism Commission on October 6.

Sincerely yours,

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LEE R. PENNINGTON,
Assistant Director

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ONARGA, ILLINOIS

September 6, 1955

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WHO'S WHO
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

No doubt your Springfield, Illinois office has supplied you with detailed information regarding action taken last week at the annual convention of the Department of Illinois of The American Legion.

Legion Commander Breakstone of Chicago had entered into a deal with the Ford Foundation to have the Legion sponsor one of their pet projects. The Legion Delegates repudiated this action and elected a new State Commander. They also voted to deny Commander Breakstone the right to attend the Legion National Convention as a Delegate. The Delegates adopted a Resolution asking Congress to investigate the Ford Foundation.

The Legion failed in their efforts to have Harry Bridges prosecuted or deported. Some members of the legal profession lay this to the type of individuals appointed under previous administrations. They may be right.

Your Bureau appears to be obtaining more cooperation from the Executive Branch of the Government. Also assistance from the Legislative Branch whenever necessary. However, there are a large number of individuals feel that the situation is far from ideal. A Chief Executive who owes all his promotions to previous Administrations is not going to tramp on too many toes. The late Senator Bob Taft would have staged a real house cleaning and he was smart enough to know the answers.

President Eisenhower will be re-elected if he runs in '56. A lot of Democrats will vote for him as they figure they already have one in the White House and would not trade him for that crooked gang that that Truman & Co. would bring back into power in Washington.

Sincerely,

Frederick A. Wand

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The Attorney General

September 20, 1955

Director, FBI

**AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION
MIAMI, FLORIDA**

I would like to bring the following information to your attention.

As you undoubtedly know, the American Legion will hold its National Convention in Miami, Florida, October 10-13, 1955. The Convention's keynote speaker who will speak on the opening day is to be The Honorable John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State.

A source of known reliability has advised this Bureau in the utmost confidence that it is understood that considerable pressure has been brought to bear upon Secretary Dulles to have him comment favorably concerning the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and to commend Raymond E. Murphy of the State Department who has been very active in behalf of UNESCO. The source who reported this information to the Bureau has advised that in the event Secretary Dulles does comment favorably concerning UNESCO during the course of his keynote talk, he will probably be hissed from the Convention floor as the majority of the delegates to the Convention are bitterly opposed to UNESCO. The program of UNESCO, according to the source, will probably be one of the "hottest" matters handled by the American Legion at the National Convention.

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I thought you might like to be made aware of the above for possible referral to the Secretary of State for his information and guidance. In the event of such referral, no reference should be made to this information emanating from this Bureau.

CC - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

NOTE: See Jones to Nichols memo dated 9-16-55 entitled "United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)." In regard to this memorandum, Mrs. Brown of Mr. Tolson's Office telephonically advised SA Hanning, Crime Records Section, on the morning of 9-19-55 that Mr. Tolson had instructed that a memorandum regarding this matter be forwarded to the Department.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Miami (136-0)

SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION
October 10-13, 1955, Miami, Florida

DATE: September 26, 1955

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Sizoo	✓
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

During the above captioned convention Vice President RICHARD NIXON, Secretary of State JOHN FOSTER DULLES, Secretary of Labor JAMES P. MITCHELL and WALTER F. GEORGE, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee are scheduled to make addresses. Mr. MITCHELL is scheduled October 12th and Mr. NIXON and Mr. DULLES the following day. Confirmation will be obtained from Legion Headquarters this weekend and Bureau advised should there be any change in the schedule.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: September 1, 1955

FROM :

L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

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Holloman	✓
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Irving Ferman of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) informed me on Thursday, August 25th, that the preceding week he had had lunch with W. H. "Ping" Ferry, who is actually running the Fund for the Republic. Ferman is very much disturbed because he has detected in Ferry what he considers the attributes of a "actionist" and he feels that the Fund for the Republic has now become a media for the dissemination of propaganda. He further stated that in his opinion there are more devious angles than have yet appeared. He estimates that Ferry is a very shrewd, calculating public relations man; that Ferry has anticipated obstacles that will come in his pathway and is deliberately developing his program and has taken into consideration the calculated risks involved. He stated that as an indication of Ferry's thinking, that in discussing the menace of Communism Ferry puts it in this way; namely, that the myth of the meance of Communism was created by those who have testified and captured the public eye, therefore, to destroy this myth, it is first necessary to destroy the witnesses. Ferman further quoted Ferry as stating that if you agree that Communism is a meance and threatens the free world, then you must inquire as to the basis for such belief and you will find it comes from testimony. Ferman stated that he has told numerous people of Ferry's activities and background and he believes that soon word will get around.

cc - Mr. Boardman
cc - Mr. Belmont

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Ferman reiterated what he had previously told me on the telephone, namely, that Ferry had told him he was looking around for a Catholic Law School to investigate the FBI and also was going to have an investigation made of the American Legion. Ferman could not remember whether Ferry had stated this action was approved by the Board of Directors or whether the Board had approved only the investigation of the American Legion.

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September 30, 1955

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Mr. Lee R. Pennington
Assistant Director
National Americanism Commission
The American Legion
1608 K Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Lee:

Many thanks for your note of September 27, 1955, passing on the invitation from Mrs. Jane Rishworth, National Secretary of The American Legion Auxiliary, for me to appear on the program of the Women's Forum on National Security on January 20, 1956.

I deeply appreciate this invitation, and would like very much to accept, especially in view of your interest. I deeply regret, however, that a prior commitment for that date precludes my indicating an acceptance.

Should Mrs. Rishworth desire one of my associates to appear on the program of her Forum, it will be a pleasure to designate Mr. DeLoach.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc - DeLoach, with copy of incoming.
Room 5636.

NOTE: Pennington is former Bureau Inspector. EOD 5-6-29 as SA and retired effective 11-30-53. GS 15.

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WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

September 27, 1955

① American Legion - NATIONAL

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Mrs. Jane Rishworth, National Secretary of The American Legion Auxiliary has asked that I request your appearance on the program of the Women's Forum on National Security.

The Forum will be held in Washington, D. C. at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 20, 1956, and Mrs. Rishworth stated that they are quite anxious to have you stress the subject of juvenile delinquency.

There will be approximately 800 in attendance, and the organizations holding membership in the Forum represent approximately 2,500,000 women. These member organizations, in addition to The American Legion Auxiliary, are:

1. Military Order of the Purple Heart Auxiliary
2. Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
3. Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary
4. Catholic War Veterans Auxiliary
5. Gold Star Mothers, Inc.
6. American War Mothers
7. Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War,
1861-1865.
8. Veterans of World War I Auxiliary

Sincerely yours,

LEE R. PENNINGTON,
Assistant Director

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MR. TOLSON: ✓

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With reference to the attached memorandum concerning Pennington stepping down from his position with the Americanism Commission of the American Legion, I wish to advise that Mr. Tracy informed [] this morning that Pennington's new boss, who will be stationed in Indianapolis, is C. A. Tesch. Tesch formerly was Pennington's assistant in the Washington Office but then suffered a heart attack several months ago and just recently came back to Washington. Tracy advised that there would probably be no publicity on the change until the end of the week or possibly the first of next week.

Respectfully,

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Stanley Tracy told [redacted] shortly after 5:00 p.m. that former Inspector Lee Pennington is stepping down from his position with the Americanism Commission of The American Legion and is going to remain here in Washington. Instead of being transferred to Indianapolis, the deal has been worked out whereby Pennington's assistant, whose name Tracy did not recall but who has been sick for some time and who has just recently come back to work, will go to Indianapolis to take charge. Pennington will step down and become the assistant in the Americanism Commission but will retain full control and supervision over all subversive activity matters.

Tracy stated this was off-the-record and to be kept strictly confidential; that there would probably be some publicity in a week or ten days but in the interim nothing was to be said.

Tracy also advised he would let me know the first thing in the morning who the person is who will be Pennington's boss.

Respectfully,

✓ *LBN*

L. B. Nichols

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Mr. Pennington said attached not entirely true - that is assistant director of counter-subversive activities and is still attached to Americanism Commission.

Our card fixed in that fashion.

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**Subversives
Foe Named**

Lee R. Pennington, former Federal Bureau of Investigation inspector, has resigned his post as head of the American Legion's Americanism Commission to take over as full-time director of the commission's counter-subversive activities office here.

Seaborn P. Collins, Legion commander, announced at the same time that C. A. Tesch, assistant in charge of the commission's Indianapolis office, has been appointed acting director of the commission.

The announcement said Mr. Pennington, 61, requested the change to emphasize the counter-subversive work. He served with the FBI for 25 years before becoming commission director in 1953.

The veteran investigator is a graduate of the University of Maryland and holds a degree in accounting from Southeastern University. For many years before he left the FBI he was liaison man with the Legion's Americanism Commission.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : *JJX* SAC, New York (62-0)

SUBJECT: EDWARD LAMB;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 9/22/55

m. nichols.

Mr. CHARLES WILEY, [redacted] Flushing, NATIONAL 67, NY, b6
telephonically advised the NYO on 9/16/55 that he is employed b7C
by the Americanism Commission of the American Legion and is
currently working on an index of all names appearing in the
"Daily Worker" during the 1930s as a confidential assignment
for the above-named commission. He said the above unit is
headed by a former FBI Agent and that all available information
obtained therefrom once correlated into an index would be made
available to the Bureau through arrangements previously made
with Assistant to the Director NICHOLS. *INDEXING OF DAILY WORKER*
INDEXING THE DAILY WORKER

Mr. WILEY advised, however, that recently in the course
of the above work he found considerable information concerning
the subject about whom he had noted publicity in connection with
hearings before the Federal Communications Commission as to the
granting to the subject, a lawyer from Toledo, Ohio, a license
to operate a television or radio station. He stated that around
1935 the subject traveled to Russia and was also in China during
the Chinese Civil War. On his return to the United States he
made speeches for various organizations such as Defense of the
Soviet Union, Friends of the Chinese People, and other Communist
groups as well as delivering a message from Madame SUN YAT SEN.

Mr. WILEY stated that if the FCC were interested he could
turnish the exact pages, dates and articles appearing in the
"Daily Worker" where the above information was set forth but the
full index is not yet completed. He stated the above data may
already be in the possession of the FCC but felt that in the
event it was not, it would merit their attention.

The foregoing is submitted for the information of the
Bureau and for forwarding to the FCC if the Bureau deems same
advisable.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : *SW* SAC, Miami (136-0)
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SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL CONVENTION
OCTOBER 10-13, 1955
MIAMI, FLORIDA

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DATE: October 5, 1955

The calendar of events has now been completed and it reflects the following:

Mr. JOHN FOSTER DULLES, Secretary of State, will speak on Monday, October 10, 1955, at Noon, Dinner Key Auditorium, Miami.

Mr. WALTER F. GEORGE, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, will speak on Monday, October 10, 1955, at 7:00 PM, Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach.

Mr. JAMES P. MITCHELL, Secretary of Labor, will speak on Wednesday, October 12, 1955, at Bayfront Park, Miami.

Mr. RICHARD NIXON, Vice-President, will not speak at the Convention. His address has been cancelled.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

EDWARD OLIVER LAMB
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(OO: Cleveland)

Reurlet to NY, 9/28/55.

On 10/6/55, Mr. CHARLES WILLIAM WILEY, [redacted] and [redacted] Flushing, NY, was interviewed by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]. WILEY advised that he is currently compiling an index of material appearing in the "Daily Worker" from 1934-1936. WILEY stated that on several occasions, he had found references to captioned subject and felt that this office might be interested in his project. When asked to furnish the references mentioned above, WILEY explained that all references compiled so far had been set forth by date and that this index had not as yet been alphabetized.

WILEY advised that in approximately one month his indices on the "Daily Worker", from 1934-1936, would have been set in alphabetical order and that all references to LAMB could easily be furnished to this office.

WILEY was advised that the FBI has no connection whatsoever with the FCC Inquiry.

NYO will contact WILEY in approximately one month to determine what "Daily Worker" references to LAMB have been located. Results of this inquiry will be furnished to the Bureau and Cleveland.

Mr. Belmont

3-Bureau (100-14646) (RM)
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Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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FBI, MIAMI

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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ATTENTION - MR. L. B. NICHOLS

AMERICAN LEGION MATTERS. FOLLOWING RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY
STATES OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS, OREGON, ALABAMA AND DC, WILL
BE PRESENTED ON FLOOR OF NATIONAL CONVENTION WEDNESDAY AM,
OCTOBER TWELVE NEXT. ~~QUOTE.~~ WHEREAS FBI, UNDER J. EDGAR
HOOVER, HAS UNCEASINGLY AND UNTIRINGLY DEVOTED ITS EFFORTS
TO SAFEGUARDING OF OUR COUNTRY AND THE PEOPLE, AND WHEREAS
SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO A GREAT
EXTENT TO EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE OPERATION OF FBI, AND
WHEREAS FBI REMAINS CONSTANTLY ON ALERT AND GUARDS OUR COUNTRY
AGAINST THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE AIMS ARE TO
DESTROY OUR CONSTITUTIONAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND TO TAKE
AWAY FREEDOMS AND RIGHTS ENJOYED UNDER AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE,
AND WHEREAS FBI CONTINUES TO PROTECT US AGAINST THOSE INDIVIDUALS
WHO WOULD INFILTRATE AND SUBVERT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES OF
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND WHEREAS FACILITIES OF FBI ARE UTILIZED
FOR PROTECTION OF THE INNOCENT AS WELL AS CONVICTION OF GUILTY,
AND WHEREAS THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHICH
ATTEMPT TO DEFAME THE DISTINGUISHED DIRECTOR, MR. J. EDGAR

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Mr. Nichols

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Miss Gandy ✓

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HOOVER, AND HINDER WORK OF FBI THROUGH SMEAR AND PROPAGANDA TACTICS, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY AMERICAN LEGION IN NATIONAL CONVENTION ASSEMBLED IN MIAMI, FLA., OCTOBER TEN, NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE, THAT WE COMMEND FBI AND ITS DIRECTOR TO AMERICAN PEOPLE AND OFFER CONTINUED, WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT TO FBI AND ITS ACTIVITIES, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED WE VIGOROUSLY DEFEND THE FBI AGAINST SLANDEROUS AND UNJUST TACTICS. UNQUOTE. A SECOND RESOLUTION POINTS OUT VALUE OF INFORMANTS AND DEPLORES CRITICISM OF PATRIOTIC SOURCES OF INFORMATION. NATIONAL COMMANDER SEABORN COLLINS THIS MORNING TOLD ASSEMBLED THROG OF TEN THOUSAND LEGIONNAIRES THEY SHOULD NEVER BECOME VIGILANTES BUT SHOULD LEAVE ALL INVESTIGATIONS TO THE ~~VERY CAPABLE AND ABLE FBI.~~ HE PERSONALLY WAS THANKED BY THE WRITER IN THE NAME OF THE DIRECTOR. AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS WILL ISSUE INDIVIDUAL PRESS RELEASE RE ABOVE RESOLUTIONS OCTOBER. TWELVE NEXT.

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cc Mr Nichols

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~~INVESTIGATIONS TO THE VERY CAPABLE AND ABLE FBI. HE PERSONALLY~~
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Reversion to Type?

Just as the American Legion seemed on the verge of abandoning some of its past charges, along came an attack on the Fund for the Republic by National Commander Seaborn P. Collins. The sensational charge that the Fund "is threatening and may succeed in crippling the national security" is in curious contrast to the backtracking the Legion has been doing on its previous accusations against UNESCO. In that case a committee of past Legion officers has examined the often-heard allegations of subversive designs on the part of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and has found them baseless. We suggest that the Legion ought to employ the same technique in documenting or disproving its fears about the Fund for the Republic.

It is not necessary for the Legion to agree with all the Fund's procedures. But surely an objective evaluation will show that there are more effective means of combating communism and other threats to American liberties than shouting from the house-tops. One lesson from McCarthyism, which the Legion ought to be able to recognize, is that the means can easily run away with the end. What the Fund for the Republic has attempted to do, among other things, is to make Americans aware of the liberties which both the Communists and the zealots can destroy, and to show the damage we can do to ourselves through abuses such as are found in the security program. The conviction that such abuses are dangerous is by no means a monopoly of the Fund.

The charge has cast an unbecoming slur on the patriotism of Dr. Robert M. Hutchins and of his predecessor as head of the Fund for the Republic, Senator Case of New Jersey. Because Mr. Collins is a reasonable man, he ought to be the first to perceive that he has in effect asked members of the Legion to convict the Fund without a trial.

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FROM: National Public Relations Division, THE AMERICAN LEGION, 311
Annual National Convention, Miami, Florida, Hotel Alcazar
(Mezzanine Floor), 500 Biscayne Boulevard, Telephone 2-9011

FOR RELEASE ON DELIVERY

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The American Legion today endorsed the use of "sincere" patriotic security informants" by government investigating agencies and pledged itself to "vigorously defend" the federal bureau of investigation against "slandorous and unjust" attacks.

Delegates to the Legion's 27th annual National Convention here also commended the FBI for its "great service to the American people" and offered the Legion's "continued wholehearted support" to the FBI and its activities.

The action was taken in the form of two resolutions carried in a report to the convention by the Legion's Americanism Commission.

The resolutions were submitted by the Maryland and District of Columbia Departments of The American Legion consolidating other similar resolutions from Washington, Illinois, Oregon and Alabama.

The resolution endorsing informants in investigating agencies cited a "recognized and concerted" campaign by the Communist party, other subversive and pseudo-liberal elements against confidential security informants.

It said "the best way" to expose subversives and provide a "definite detriment" to their activities is by having patriotic individuals in their midst.

The second resolution noted the "distinguished" leadership of J. Edgar Hoover and praised the FBI's "unceasingly and tirelessly devoted efforts" to safeguard America.

It said individual and organized "smear and propaganda" tactics are being made to defame the agency and Mr. Hoover.

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TO : Mr. Tolson *[Handwritten initials]*

FROM : L. B. Nichols *[Handwritten initials]*

SUBJECT: ⁰ AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION
MIAMI, FLORIDA National

DATE: October 12, 1955

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Special Agent Don Hanning, of the Crime Records Section, who is attending the Convention in Miami, called at 3:35 PM today to state that the subcommittee report condemning UNESCO was unanimously passed without roll call by the whole convention of The American Legion a few moments ago.

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cc: Mr. Boardman *[Handwritten: CIPY]*
Mr. Belmont

*Resolution on Bureau
also passed. Copy attached.
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TEXT OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED
AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION, MIAMI, FLORIDA,
OCTOBER 10, 1955

"whereas the FBI, under J. Edgar Hoover, has
unceasingly and entirely devoted its efforts to safeguarding of our
country and the people, and whereas safety and welfare of the people is
attributable to a great extent to efficient and effective operation of FBI, and
whereas the FBI remains constantly on alert and guards our country against
those individuals and organizations whose aims are to destroy our constitutional
form of Government and to take away freedoms and rights enjoyed under American
way of life, and whereas the FBI continues to protect us against those individuals
who would infiltrate and subvert departments and agencies of Federal Government,
and whereas facilities of FBI are utilized for protection of the innocent as well as
conviction of guilty, and whereas there are individuals and organizations which
attempt to defame the distinguished Director, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, and hinder
work of FBI through smear and propaganda tactics, now therefore be it resolved
by American Legion in National Convention assembled in Miami, Fla., October 10,
1955, that we commend FBI and its Director to American people and offer continued,
wholehearted support to FBI and its activities, be it further resolved we
vigorously defend the FBI against slanderous and unjust tactics.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: Oct. 12, 1955

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION

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There are attached a copy of the resolution pertaining to the Director, a copy of the press release issued by the National Office of the American Legion, and the resolving clause of the resolution pertaining to informants and one commending commentators.

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AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION, MIAMI, FLORIDA,
OCTOBER 10, 1955

"Whereas the FBI, under J. Edgar Hoover, has unceasingly and untiringly devoted its efforts to safeguarding of our country and the people, and whereas safety and welfare of the people is attributable to a great extent to efficient and effective operation of FBI, and whereas the FBI remains constantly on alert and guards our country against those individuals and organizations whose aims are to destroy our constitutional form of Government and to take away freedoms and rights enjoyed under American way of life, and whereas the FBI continues to protect us against those individuals who would infiltrate and subvert departments and agencies of Federal Government, and whereas facilities of FBI are utilized for protection of the innocent as well as conviction of guilty, and whereas there are individuals and organizations which attempt to defame the distinguished Director, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, and hinder work of FBI through smear and propaganda tactics, now therefore be it resolved by American Legion in National Convention assembled in Miami, Fla., October 10, 1955, that we commend FBI and its Director to American people and offer continued, wholehearted support to FBI and its activities, be it further resolved we vigorously defend the FBI against slanderous and unjust tactics."

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Copy of press release issued by American Legion National
Headquarters in Miami, Florida, on 10/12/55.

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ENCLOSURE

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The following is the resolving clause adopted by the National Convention of the American Legion in Miami, Florida, 10/12/55 to 10/13/55:

"Resolved, by the American Legion in National Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, October 10 to 13, 1955 that we affirm the use of sincere patriotic security informants by all investigative services who seek to expose and help destroy those forces who are attempting to undermine the security of our country."

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The following is the resolving clause adopted by the National Convention of the American Legion in Miami, Florida, 10/12/55 to 10/13/55:

"Resolved by the American Legion in National Convention assembled in Miami, Florida, October 10 to 13, 1955, that we hereby commend Fulton Lewis, Jr., George Sokolsky, Paul Harvey, Constantine Brown, Victor Riesel and Earl Godwin for their faithful and courageous exposures of the dangers of Communism and subversion."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: October 17,
1955

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: J. ADDINGTON WAGNER
NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION

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PURPOSE:

To set forth information in Bufiles regarding Wagner who is the new National Commander of the American Legion.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Addington was born January 22, 1914, in Battle Creek, Michigan. He received a law degree from Washington and Lee University Law School in 1937. He was admitted to the Michigan State Bar in 1937, and since then has practiced law in Battle Creek. During 1940-41 he was Assistant Attorney General for Michigan and he served as Chief Assistant City Attorney of Battle Creek from 1946 to 1948. He was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve and he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He joined the American Legion in Battle Creek in March, 1946, and has served the American Legion in numerous positions. He was elected National Vice Commander of the American Legion at the 34th National Convention in New York City, August 28, 1952. (62-38641-265)

RELATIONS WITH BUREAU:

Memorandum from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson dated October 7, 1954, noted that we were acquainted with Wagner through joint work on the Americanism Commission of the Legion and that he was very favorably disposed toward the FBI. (94-1-17998-1133)

You will recall the Director wrote Wagner on October 14, 1955, congratulating him on his new position.

Bufiles contain no derogatory information identifiable with Wagner.

RECOMMENDATION:

Informative only.

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TO : Mr. Tolson *V. W.*DATE: October 11, 1955 *8/8*
*auth*FROM : L. B. Nichols *MB*

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Mr. DeLoach informed me late on 10-11-55 that the committees considering resolutions have voted 54 to 6 to maintain the traditional Legion stand against UNESCO and repudiate the reports submitted upholding UNESCO. This has been a bitterly fought matter and is scheduled to come on the floor of the convention on Wednesday.

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cc: Mr. Boardman

Mr. Belmont

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TO : Mr. Tolson *per D*

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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SUBJECT:

Am. Legion - Detroit

I am attaching hereto the New York Herald-Tribune coverage of the resolution pertaining to the Bureau and the informant program which was passed at the American Legion Convention in Miami, Florida. This appeared in the late city edition of the New York Herald-Tribune and Brownie Reid was very much disturbed that it did not get into the earlier edition.

Enclosure

cc - Mr. Boardman

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Legion Praises F. B. I., Backs Informant Use

Special to the Herald Tribune

MIAMI, Oct. 12.—The American Legion today praised the work of the F. B. I. and its director, J. Edgar Hoover, for effectiveness against subversives and indorsed the use of "sincere patriotic security informants" by government investigating agencies.

In its thirty-seventh annual national convention the Legion pledged itself to "vigorously defend" the F. B. I. from "slandrous and unjust attacks."

Action came on two resolutions presented to the convention by its Americanism commission. The resolutions were originated by delegations from Maryland, the District of Columbia, Washington, Illinois and Alabama.

The resolution indorsing use of informants by investigative agencies cited "a recognized and concerted campaign by the Communist party, other subversive and pseudo-liberal elements against the use of such persons." It said the best way to expose and punish subversives is by having patriotic individuals within their own organizations, which the F. B. I. has done in many cases.

Praising Mr. Hoover and the F. B. I., the Legion charged that "smear and propaganda tactics are being used to defame the agency and Mr. Hoover."

The Resolution

Text of the F. B. I. resolution follows:

"Whereas the F. B. I., under J. Edgar Hoover, has unceasingly and untiringly devoted its efforts to safeguarding of our country and the people,

"And whereas safety and welfare of the people is attributable to a great extent to efficient and effective operation of F. B. I.,

"And whereas the F. B. I. remains constantly on alert and guards our country against those individuals and organizations whose aims are to destroy our constitutional form of government and to take away freedoms and rights enjoyed under American way of life,

"And whereas the F. B. I. continues to protect us against those individuals who would infiltrate and subvert departments and agencies of Federal government,

"And whereas facilities of F. B. I. are utilized for protection of the innocent as well as conviction of guilty,

"And whereas there are individuals and organizations which attempt to defame the distinguished director, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, and hinder work of F. B. I. through smear and propaganda tactics,

"Now therefore be it resolved by American Legion in national convention assembled in Miami, Fla., Oct. 10, 1955, that we commend F. B. I. and its director to American people and offer continued, wholehearted support to F. B. I. and its activities,

"Be it further resolved we vigorously defend the F. B. I. against slanderous and unjust tactics."

Following is the text of the resolution on informers:

"Resolved, by the American Legion in national convention assembled in Miami, Florida, October 10 to 13, 1955 that we affirm the use of sincere patriotic security informants by all investigative services who seek to expose and help destroy those forces who are attempting to undermine the security of our country."

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Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
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NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE
OCTOBER 13, 1955

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: October 21, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols *hbr*

SUBJECT:

J. ADDINGTON WAGNER
 NATIONAL COMMANDER
 THE AMERICAN LEGION - National

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The Director concurred with my recommendation that the captioned individual be granted an appointment on Monday, 10-24-55, or Tuesday, 10-25-55, according to the Director's convenience. Commander Wagner has now advised that in the event the Director has no objections he would like very much to come over at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 10-24-55. He, of course, will be glad to change his schedule in accordance with the wishes of the Director. DeLoach will introduce Mr. Wagner to the Director. There is attached a copy of a previous memorandum concerning Wagner's background.

ACTION: That we be allowed to advise Mr. Wagner as to the preference of 10:00 a.m. 10-24-55, as the time and date for an appointment with the Director, if this time is actually agreeable with the Director.

cc - Mr. Holloman

cc - Mr. Jones

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : *aw* SAC, Miami (136-232)

SUBJECT: *0* AMERICAN LEGION MATTERS
NATIONAL CONVENTION
 OCTOBER 10-13, 1955
 MIAMI, FLORIDA

DATE: October 14, 1955

Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Mohr	
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HARRY MUNYAN is a news commentator who has an early morning program over Radio Station WIOD in Miami each morning.

On October 13, 1955, he commented concerning a resolution passed by the American Legion commending the distinguished leadership of J. EDGAR HOOVER, and praised the FBI's efforts to make America secure.

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October 17, 1955

Honorable J. Aldington ~~X~~ Wagner
25 Regent Building
Battle Creek, Michigan

File 3000

My dear Mr. Wagner:

I was extremely pleased to learn of your election as the National Commander of the American Legion, and I wish to offer you my congratulations, and those of all of my associates in the FBI.

Your election to this vital post is a splendid tribute to your abilities, and you should receive a great deal of personal satisfaction from this recognition of your past record of accomplishments. Too, I want to take this opportunity to commend you on your forthright, vigorous acceptance speech. Your awareness of the continuing Communist menace is highly reassuring.

Inspector C. D. DeLoach has told me how much he enjoyed working with you at the convention, and he asked me to express his sincere appreciation for your assistance.

I can assure you we are anxious to work with you and be of any possible service during your term in office.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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cc - Detroit

cc - Inspector DeLoach

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Honorable J. Addington Wagner

October 17, 1955

NOTE: Bufiles contain no unfavorable reference to Wagner. Inspector DeLoach advised he was extremely cooperative during the recent Miami convention. In his speech of acceptance, Wagner spoke out vigorously against any softening of attitude toward the Communists. Address verified per phone book.

(WAGNER) .
MIAMI--J. ADDINGTON WAGNER OF BATTLE CREEK, MICH., NEW NATIONAL
COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, TOLD LEGIONAIRES TODAY THE COLD WAR
BETWEEN THE LEGION AND SUBVERSIVES WILL CONTINUE UNABATED.

WAGNER DELIVERED HIS ACCEPTANCE SPEECH SHORTLY AFTER HE WAS ELECTED.
THE LEGION HALL EXPLODED INTO A FRENZY OF BLARING BANDS AND SHOUTING
DELEGATES WHEN WAGNER'S NAME WAS PLACED IN NOMINATION BY HIS CAMPAIGN
MANAGER, HERMAN LUHR OF THE MICHIGAN DELEGATION. THE DEMONSTRATION
LASTED FULLY 20 MINUTES.

WAGNER PROMISED THAT THE LEGION IS NOT "GOING SOFT" ON COMMUNISM.
"THE COLD WAR BETWEEN THE AMERICAN LEGION AND SUBVERSIVES WILL
CONTINUE," HE SAID. "IT WILL END ONLY WHEN THE ENEMY LAYS DOWN HIS
WEAPONS OF PROPAGANDA AND DECEIT AND GIVES UP HIS DESIGN ON AMERICA.

"THE THREAT OF COMMUNISM COMES NOT ALONE FROM COMMUNIST PARTY
MEMBERS," HE SAID, "THE MORE IMMEDIATE DANGER... COMES FROM ATTEMPTS
BY VARIOUS GROUPS OUTSIDE OUR ORGANIZATION TO CONFUSE AND DIVIDE OUR
MEMBERSHIP.

"THERE ARE THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE US RETREAT FROM OUR TRADIT-
IONAL POSITION OF AGGRESSIVE VIGILANCE... THERE ARE THOSE WHO WOULD
LIKE TO SEE US RELAX OUR EFFORT TO CONSTANTLY INFORM LEGIONNAIRES
AND AMERICANS OF THE TRUE NATURE OF COMMUNISM AND THE IDENTITY OF
ITS HELPMATES.

"WHATEVER THEIR MOTIVES, THESE GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS IN RECENT
MONTHS HAVE SUCCEEDED IN RAISING A QUESTION IN SOME QUARTERS AS TO
WHETHER THE AMERICAN LEGION FINALLY IS 'GOING SOFT' ON THE ISSUE OF
COMMUNISM."

HE SAID THE CONVENTION AND ITS ATTACK ON UNESCO, RED CHINA,
WORLD COMMUNISM, COMMUNIST FRONT ATTORNEYS AND TEACHERS WAS THE
LEGION'S ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION.

"WE HAVE ANSWERED IT WITH A RESOUNDING AND UNITED RESOLUTION TO
CONTINUE TO EXPOSE AND ATTACK SUBVERSION WHENEVER AND WHEREVER WE FIND
IT," HE SAID.

HE ALSO SAID THE LEGION "WILL BE ALERT AND AGGRESSIVE IN OPPOSING
ATTEMPTS TO VICTIMIZE DISABLED VETERANS BY WAVING THE FLAG OF FALSE
ECONOMY."

HE SAID THE MILITARY RESERVE PROGRAM ENACTED BY THE RECENT CONGRESS
"FALLS SHORT OF OUR HOPES AND OUR ESTIMATE OF THE NEED. BUT, WE SHALL
DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO MAKE IT WORK."

BUT, HE ADDED, THE LEGION'S CHIEF AIM IS "STILL A MILITARY
TRAINING PROGRAM WHICH WILL RAISE THE EFFICIENCY AND LOWER THE COST
OF THE PEACETIME MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

DATE: October 17, 1955

SUBJECT:

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MIAMI, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 10-13, 1955

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I. RESOLUTIONS PASSED AFFECTING FBI

(1) Seven resolutions commending FBI presented to Convention by States of Alabama, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington, and the District of Columbia.

(2) These seven consolidated into three resolutions; one commending "distinguished Director" of FBI and his associates for "unceasing fight to protect security of United States." The second resolution called attention to value of confidential security informants and brought out that CP, "pseudo-liberals" and subversive organizations were waging organized campaign against informants. The third resolution called for awarding of "J. Edgar Hoover Trophy" to Legionnaire in United States who had done most in fight against juvenile delinquency. This will be annual award in Legion. All resolutions received wide acclaim among Legionnaires. Latter-mentioned resolution referred to National Executive Committee of Legion which will meet at Indianapolis, Indiana, within forty-five days. Purpose of this action merely to determine identities of awarding committee and method by which trophy will be purchased each year.

(3) National press release issued by Public Relations Office, American Legion Headquarters, regarding FBI commendations. This information carried by several national commentators and the "New York Herald Tribune."

(4) DeLoach appointed as member of Americanism Commission to serve on subcommittee handling Legion resolutions.

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Mr. Tolson

October 17, 1955

II. OTHER RESOLUTIONS OF INTEREST

(1) United Nations Economic, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Legion unanimously denounced Communist infiltration and policies of this organization and called for Congressional investigation. Of interest was terrific State Department campaign organized for purposes of obtaining favorable Legion reaction to UNESCO. State Department supported in its stand by Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith who had two representatives at convention. This matter bitterly fought. However, special subcommittee appointed by Legion voted 54 to 6 to denounce UNESCO.

(2) One resolution called for commendation of Constantine Brown for his "unceasing fight against Communism." This resolution changed to include names of Fulton Lewis, George Sokolsky, Paul Harvey, Victor Riesel, and Earl Godwin. These individuals notified unofficially of this action by my office.

(3) Two resolutions brought up condemning Fund for the Republic and Robert Maynard Hutchins. One resolution rejected due to poor phraseology and lack of factual information. The second resolution was referred to standing committee of Legion for purposes of drawing up stronger phraseology condemning the Fund for the Republic. This same resolution points out that Henry Ford, II, in future should pay more attention to whom the Ford Motor Company grants allocations.

(4) One resolution called for Congressional investigation into American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). This resolution mentioned that House Committee on Un-American Activities had in its possession a report condemning ACLU. The Legion requested this report be disseminated to general public.

III. NEW NATIONAL COMMANDER

J. ADDINGTON WAGNER
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

Very forceful, forthright, security minded, and has sincere, high respect for Director and FBI. Forty-one years of age, an attorney who has had considerable experience on Americanism Commission of American Legion. Desires to pay respects to Director on Monday, 10-24-55, or Tuesday, 10-25-55, according to convenience of Director. No derogatory information in Bureau files. Copy of summary memorandum dated 10-17-55 attached for information of Director. Letter of congratulation forwarded Wagner 10-14-55.

Mr. Tolson

October 17, 1955

IV. CONCLUSIONS

FBI received widespread, favorable comment from Legionnaires during convention. Considerable favorable publicity received as result of resolutions passed commending FBI. Commander Wagner will be vigorous supporter of FBI and all security measures. A disconcerting note was represented by State Department campaign to "force" favorable reaction to UNESCO upon Legionnaires. One State Department spokesman (Ben Brown) speaking for UNESCO openly admitted that Alger Hiss had considerable influence in shaping policies of UNESCO but quickly added "Benedict Arnold also was a traitor but did wonderful work for his country before turning traitor." It is felt that Legion denouncement of UNESCO represents only temporary setback to those forces who are in favor of gaining favorable Legion reaction. These elements will come back next year even better organized.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) Recommended that Director see new National Commander J. Addington Wagner on Monday, 10-24-55, or Tuesday, 10-25-55, according to convenience of Director. *OK. H.*

(2) Suggested letter to Seaborn P. Collins, retiring National Commander, attached. This letter thanks Collins for cooperation during tenure of office and for favorable remarks he made before convention concerning FBI. *OK. H.*

(3) Suggested letter to Hugh W. Overton, National Executive Committeeman from Alabama, attached. Overton has been most friendly and helpful. His department sponsored one resolution calling for commendation of FBI. *OK. H.*

(4) Recommend letters of commendation be sent to SAC Charles E. Weeks, Miami; SA Vincent K. Antle, Miami; and SA Donald G. Hanning, Supervisor, Seat of Government, for assistance rendered during National Convention. Their efforts contributed greatly to favorable publicity given FBI during convention. (LETTERS ATTACHED). *OK. H.*

*letter of commendation
also being prepared
to DeLoach
Handled by G.A. *OK. H.*
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

Mr. Tolson

DATE: October 21, 1955

FROM :

L. B. Nichols

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SUBJECT:

J. ADDINGTON WAGNER
NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION - 11
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In connection with the Director's granting of an appointment with the captioned individual Monday, 10-24-55, at 10:00 AM, the Director may desire to mention several topics of mutual interest to Wagner. These are enumerated below:

(1) The American Legion unanimously passed a resolution at its recent convention commending the "distinguished Director of the FBI and his associates" for their unceasing fight against Communism and for protection of security of the United States. The Legion additionally passed a resolution pointing out the value of confidential security informants and the fact the Communist Party and other left-wing elements were trying to defame such confidential sources.

(2) At the convention of The American Legion, two resolutions were brought up before the Americanism Commission criticizing the Fund for the Republic and calling upon Henry Ford II to be more careful as to whom allocations were granted in the future. One resolution was rejected because of poor phraseology and the second was referred to the National Executive Committee in order to afford stronger phraseology in criticizing the Fund for the Republic. In this connection, the Director will recall my memorandum of 10-20-55 revealing that [redacted] one of the "king makers" of the Legion, had confidentially advised me that Henry Ford II recently had invited J. Addington Wagner to lunch with the result that Wagner was quite influenced with Mr. Ford, and, in fact, Wagner later was instrumental in seeing to it that criticism against the Fund for the Republic did not show any connection with the Ford Motor Company. As originally recommended by me, the Director may desire to bring up the subject of the Fund for the Republic while in conversation with Wagner. It is known that Wagner is definitely against the activities of the Fund for the Republic even though he may be in sympathy with Henry Ford, II of the Ford Motor Company.

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(3) Commander Wagner may mention the Legions' fight against UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization). Wagner is well aware of the terrific campaign brought on by the State Department to force a favorable reaction on the part of Legionnaires toward UNESCO. This, of course, failed when the Americanism Commission voted 54 to 6 to condemn UNESCO.

(4) The FBI had very favorable relations during the 1954-55 term of Seaborn P. Collins, past National Commander. Collins leaned on us rather heavily for assistance and we were, of course, glad to help him at all times. It is felt that Wagner will be even closer to the FBI because of his excellent knowledge of security matters and due to our past friendship with Wagner in Legion activities.

ACTION: For information.

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October 24, 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. NICHOLS

This morning the National Commander of the American Legion, J. Addington Wagner, called at my office accompanied by Inspector DeLoach.

Mr. Wagner expressed the high regard of the Legion for the FBI and the desire to be of service during his administration as National Commander. He spoke most highly of Inspector DeLoach and hoped that they could work in close cooperation. I took occasion to thank the National Commander for the great support which the Legion has given to this Bureau over the years and advised him that I was delighted with his election to the National Commandership because it assured further continuation of this relationship.

I discussed with the National Commander the recent action of the Legion in connection with the Ford Fund for the Republic and commended him upon the stand which the Legion had taken because I considered the action of the Legion in drawing the spotlight upon this sinister organization to be an outstanding contribution to true Americanism.

The National Commander stated he had had a conference with Mr. Henry Ford, President of the Ford Motor Company, who was quite concerned about developments and he, the National Commander, believed some action will shortly be taken by Mr. Ford and his associates to clarify the situation.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: October 22,
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FROM : Mr. Nichols

SUBJECT: BILL HAUCK
J. ADDINGTON WAGNER, NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION —
HERMAN LUHRS, VICE PRESIDENT
GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION

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Bill Hauck, Secretary to J. Addington Wagner, new National Commander of the American Legion, called DeLoach at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, 10-22-55 and stated that Herman Luhrs, Vice President of General Motors, a close friend of Wagner's and also Wagner's campaign manager, was in town and that Wagner would like very much for Luhrs to accompany him when he met the Director at 10:00 a.m., Monday, 10-24-55. Hauck went on to say that Luhrs was a close friend of Secretary of Defense Wilson, that he had admired the Director greatly for a long period of time, and that if Mr. Hoover didn't mind, it certainly would be a privilege for Luhrs to accompany Wagner. DeLoach told Hauck that the Director would, of course, be very glad to see Mr. Luhrs.

Bufiles reflect no derogatory information concerning Mr. Luhrs. For a lengthy period of time, he served as Chief of Plant Protection of the Buick Motor Company. In this category, he was very cooperative with our Detroit Office. [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] Mr. Luhrs has additionally served as Department Commander of the American Legion of the State of Michigan.

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For information.

cc - Mr. Holloman
cc - Mr. JonesGDD:afb
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. NICHOLS

Postmaster General Summerfield telephonically advised me this afternoon that he had just talked to the new Commander of the American Legion and that a homecoming is scheduled in Battle Creek, Michigan, the Commander's hometown, to be attended by top Legion people and culminating in a dinner for some 1,300 to 1,400 Legionnaires. Mr. Summerfield stated they are very desirous of having either the Vice President or myself attend; however, at present it is impossible for the Vice President to get away and he wondered if I would consider it. I asked him the date and he stated it was the 12th of November. I advised Mr. Summerfield that unfortunately I expected to be on the West Coast for a period of about two weeks at that particular time incident to the forthcoming Communist trial and consequently would be unable to attend.

I advised Mr. Summerfield that personally I would like very much to attend, particularly as I had recently met the Commander and enjoyed a pleasant visit with him. However, I explained to him generally my policy of not accepting such commitments due to the fact that I was rarely able to fulfill them with any degree of certainty. I requested that he express my appreciation for the invitation and my regrets at not being able to accept it for the reasons indicated. Mr. Summerfield stated he was very sorry but that he understood.

Very truly yours,

A. J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
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DATE: 10/24/55

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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I thought you and the Director would be interested in remarks made by J. Addington Wagner, National Commander of the American Legion, following his conference with the Director this morning at 10:00 a.m. DeLoach advised me that the Director's remarks and advice to Wagner certainly inspired him. He left the Director's Office with a new understanding concerning the Fund for the Republic and most certainly with a renewed initiative about the Legion's program for the future.

Wagner mentioned confidentially that young Henry Ford had personally called him and told him about his meeting with the Director in New York City. Ford reportedly stated that he was somewhat nonplused and concerned over the Director's abruptness concerning the Ford Motor Company's participation in the Fund for the Republic. Wagner added to these remarks that Mr. Hoover made a distinct impression upon Ford and that the Director's abruptness was by far the best thing that could have been done inasmuch as Ford is an individual who understands and respects abruptness more than anything else.

Wagner mentioned that Seaborn P. Collins, past National Commander of the American Legion, has an appointment with Henry Ford tomorrow morning, 10/25/55. Wagner will call Collins tonight and tell him to insist on Ford making a public disavowal of interest in the Fund for the Republic. Wagner stated he knew he could handle this and that he felt certain Ford would be willing to go this far. Wagner continued that Henry Ford, II, is greatly concerned about this matter and undoubtedly some action will be taken in the near future. Wagner mentioned twice this morning that he would like very much to lean upon the Director for guidance in the future. He stated that he is in town about once every six weeks; that he would like to feel to either call upon the Director occasionally or to call DeLoach and have DeLoach relay the messages concerning various problems that the Legion is engaged in. He was advised that the Director would be happy to assist him in any way possible.

Commander Wagner was of the opinion that although the "upper brass" of the American Legion are headed in the right direction that at the ^{same} time he feels certain they are not fully aware of the dangers of Communism and of the full

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impact Communism is making upon the U. S. as a whole. He stated that it would be wonderful if the Director would allow an FBI representative to brief the Executive Committee of the American Legion on matters concerning internal security within the near future. He wanted to know if DeLoach could handle this assignment inasmuch as he would undoubtedly be in Indianapolis anyhow to serve as a Counselor for the Americanism Commission. Commander Wagner was advised that the matter would be discussed and we would, of course, let him know in the event he desired to carry this plan through to completion. We, of course, have done this once before when the National Executive Committee met in closed session in Indianapolis.

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I think we should. DeLoach could have approved outline.
After departing the Director's Office, Wagner insisted that DeLoach accompany him to the Office of J. H. Carmichael, President of Capital Airlines where Jennings Randolph, former Congressman from West Virginia, and [] a racetrack official from Charles Town, West Virginia, were awaiting Wagner. All of the above-mentioned gentlemen were most kind in their remarks concerning the Director and the FBI and it is felt that the time with Wagner was well spent.

ACTION:

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For information. Wagner's request to us concerning the briefing of the National Executive Committee was entirely informal and there is no action to be taken on this until a formal request is received.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: 10/28/55

FROM : E. D. Mason M

SUBJECT: GABRIEL HEATTER

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Gabriel Heatter made available a record of his broadcast of October 13, 1955. It is reproduced below.

In speaking of the ^OAmerican Legion and its recent national convention, Mr. Heatter stated: National

"They adopted a warm and eloquent resolution endorsing the work of the FBI. You know the American people may divide from time to time on different political questions, but you mention the name J. Edgar Hoover and tens of millions will stand up as one man and say 'hats off to him.' Old and young and middle aged, they all know the story of J. Edgar Hoover and the way the man has dedicated himself to make this a happy, wonderful country in which to live. Mention the letters FBI and again tens of millions will stand up and say with pride, admiration and respect how fortunate we are to have the FBI and to have all those connected with it, dedicating themselves to us and our homes and our children and our safety and our national welfare. Where would one find a better example of leadership than here in the FBI where the man at the top has been able to inspire so many others to feel his patriotism, his constant concern for the nation, for its people and its ideals."

RECOMMENDATION:

None ... For record purposes.

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Honorable J. Addington Wagner
The National Commander
The American Legion
1608 K Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Wagner:

I was most pleased to receive your letter of October 27, 1955, concerning the assistance which Mr. Edward Bloom of this Bureau has been able to give you in connection with your various appointments in the District of Columbia.

We are, of course, delighted that we can be of assistance to you in this respect and we look forward to serving you in the future in the same manner.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Personnel file of Edward Bloom
cc - Mr. Tamm

NOTE: The Director has advised Commander Wagner that we would be happy to be of assistance to him in any manner during his term as National Commander of the American Legion. Wagner recently indicated to DeLoach that he was having difficulty in traveling back and forth from his office to his many appointments here in the District of Columbia. He was advised that we would be happy to be of assistance to him in this regard. Clerical employee Edward Bloom, a Legionnaire, has now driven Wagner to approximately six appointments. Wagner comes to town infrequently, perhaps on the average of once every two-three months. Consequently, it is not felt that this assignment for Bloom will interfere with his work to any great extent.

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When Mr. Wagner talked to the Director on 10/24/55, the Director commented to Mr. Wagner that in the event he needed any assistance he should feel free to call on the Bureau. Subsequently, when talking to Mr. DeLoach, Commander Wagner indicated that he was having difficulty with respect to driving his own car around Washington as he was not well acquainted with the city. Mr. DeLoach suggested that Edward Bloom (Fingerprint Clerk - Ident Div.; EOD: 9/10/51, GS-5, \$3940), a member of the FBI American Legion Post, could assist the Commander.

THE NATIONAL COMMANDER
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 27, 1955

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Sizoo	✓
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Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I want to thank you for the courtesy of having Edward Bloom available to drive me around to my various appointments this week.

Ed has been very helpful, and the use of this car has made it much easier for me to keep up with my tight schedule. I know it will be of great assistance during my future visits to Washington. Please be assured that I am deeply appreciative of this generosity.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Addington Wagner
J. ADDINGTON WAGNER

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
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Mr. James F. Daniel, Jr.
Post Office Box 456
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Daniel:

It was indeed kind of you to forward your letter of October 21, 1955, concerning the recent attendance by Inspector Cartha D. DeLoach and Special Agent Donald G. Hanning at the National Convention of The American Legion at Miami, Florida.

Your thoughtful comments are very much appreciated by me, and I know that Messrs. DeLoach and Hanning considered it a privilege to be with you on this occasion. I want to thank you for your generous remarks.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

W. Allen Hoover

cc - Cartha D. DeLoach, Room 5636, with copy incoming.
cc - Donald G. Hanning, Room 4241, with copy incoming.
cc - Personnel File of DeLoach, with copy incoming.
cc - Personnel File of Hanning, with copy incoming.

NOTE: Mr. DeLoach and Mr. Hanning attended the American Legion Convention at Miami, leaving Washington on 10-5-55 and returning on 10-13-55. The attendance by Mr. Hanning and DeLoach was arranged by letter from former Inspector Lee R. Pennington. DeLoach EOD 8-31-42 as Clerk, SA 12-14-42, GS 15, assigned Division 4, Inspector. Number 2 man to Mr. Nichols. Hanning EOD 1-6-47. GS 13, assigned to Records and Communications Division.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION —
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

OFFICE OF THE
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P. O. Box 456
Greenville, S. C.
October 21, 1955

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
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Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

M.A.C.
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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This is to thank you for allowing Mr. C. D. DeLoach
and Mr. Dave Hanning to attend the recent National
Convention of The American Legion at Miami.

The National Americanism Commission and the Convention
Committee on Americanism were kept rather busy through-
out the Convention as we had many resolutions and other
matters to consider. The services of your two well-
informed men were most helpful in our deliberations,
and we deeply appreciated their assistance.

With best wishes for the continued success of your
great organization, I am

Sincerely,

James F. Daniel Jr.

JAMES F. DANIEL, JR., Chairman
National Americanism Commission

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October 31, 1955

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Honorable J. Addington Wagner
National Commander
The American Legion
1600 H Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

My dear Mr. Wagner:

Your letter dated October 26, 1955, has been received, and I, too, was glad that we had the opportunity to get together for our talk recently.

My associates and I are anxious to be of service whenever possible, and in accordance with your request, it is a pleasure to advise you that Inspector C. D. DeLoach is available to address the annual Fall Conference of the Department Commanders and Adjutants on November 15 in Indianapolis. I know he is looking forward to this occasion. As the plans for the Conference progress, please do not hesitate to communicate directly with Mr. DeLoach.

Sincerely yours,

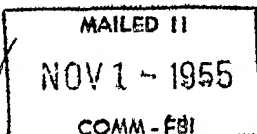
J. Edgar Hoover

CC - Mr. DeLoach, with copy of incoming.

NOTE: Bulet of 10-17-55 congratulated Wagner on his election as National Commander and on his acceptance speech.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

WASHINGTON OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER
1608 K STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON 6, D.C.

October 26, 1955

Mr. Tolson	✓
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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am extremely grateful for your letter of October 17, and am very glad to have had the opportunity to meet with you Monday.

The generosity of your letter in my behalf with reference to my acceptance speech is sincerely appreciated. As we discussed on Monday, there are continuing opportunities for The American Legion to serve our nation in this respect.

We in The American Legion have always prided ourselves on our relationship with your Bureau, and I assure you that it is my desire during the coming year to continue this relationship. I am looking forward to working with you on any matters in which we are both vitally interested.

I would also like to express my appreciation for the fine assistance Inspector C. D. DeLoach has given us. In this connection, our Department Commanders' and Adjutants' will hold their annual Fall Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, November 14-16, 1955, and in order that they might become better acquainted with our program in cooperation with the FBI, I wonder if it would be possible for Inspector DeLoach to speak to them in executive session, possibly on Tuesday, November 15.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Addington Wagner
J. ADDINGTON WAGNER

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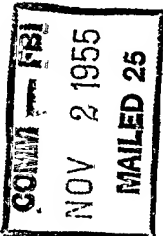
Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated October 26, 1955, has been received during Mr. Hoover's absence from the city, and I am taking the liberty of acknowledging it. I know he will appreciate the concern prompting you to write.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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NOTE: In-absence reply being utilized in view of controversial matters she refers to. It is believed the Father Duffy she refers to is the Reverend John E. Duffy, New London, Ohio, who was National Chaplain of the American Legion 1952-53. Messrs. C. D. DeLoach and D. Hanning of the Records and Communications ~~Section~~ ^{Division}, who attended the 1955 American Legion National Convention, had no discussions with Father Duffy, and, since the information reported is of a third-hand, hearsay nature, inquiry into this matter does not appear warranted. Bufiles reflect nothing identifiable with correspondent.

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Nankin, Ohio
Oct. . . 26, 1955

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C.

Gentlemen:

Something happened Mon. 22, Oct. that worries me. At the risk of being considered a "crack-pot," I'm going to write it to you. I'm afraid that a speaker who is lecturing in American Legion past is undermining veteran's faith in our government, our prsednt, secretary of state, U.N E.S.C.A. and the Ford Foundation, And the press.

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Sincerely,

/s/

[Redacted Signature]

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P.S. America Legion members are not supposed to discuss things like this with their wives. I'm sorry this is put together so badly but I have a sick child and am rushed for time.

Namkin, Ohio

Oct 26, 1955

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D. C. American Legion National

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *W. J. Jones*

DATE: October 31, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols *LB Nichols*SUBJECT: RESOLUTIONS
① AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION
MIAMI, FLORIDA, OCTOBER, 1955

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Woodrow Bousman, Chairman, Americanism Commission, Department of Maryland, The American Legion, advised DeLoach 10-31-55, that his Department had reprinted 9,000 copies of the attached articles which were included in the October 22, 1955, edition of the Brooklyn, New York, Tablet. The first article concerned the ratification of the Legion's position against UNESCO. The second article prints in its entirety the resolution commending the "distinguished Director of the FBI and the FBI's unceasingly and untiring efforts to safeguard the United States."

Bousman mentioned that he thought it would be particularly valuable to distribute the commendation of the FBI widely in the State of Maryland in order to combat any unjustifiable publicity which might have been disseminated as a result of the recent controversy with the Maryland State Police. He was, of course, thanked for his interest in the FBI.

ACTION: For information.

cc - Mr. Belmont

cc - Mr. Jones

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LEGION RATIFIES ITS PAST POSITION AGAINST UNESCO

Convention Rejects Report of
Ray Murphy After Units
Refute Its Statements

LOYAL TEACHERS LAUDED

Opposition to Communism
Reiterated; Love of Flag,
Loyalty Are Emphasized

MIAMI, Fla. — An attempt to maneuver delegates to the American Legion convention here to approve the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization was roundly defeated.

Twelve resolutions were submitted on the UNESCO issue. They were studied by a joint meeting of 33 members of the convention foreign relations committee and 32 members of the Americanism committee. The consolidation of the resolutions was done by five members of each group and approved by the joint committee before being presented to the convention.

The movement in favor of UNESCO was featured by a report of the research staff of a committee of Legionnaires headed by Ray Murphy of Manhasset, N. Y. It denied charges that UNESCO was atheistic or that it was paving the way for world government.

Report Was Refuted

Several Legion departments in various parts of the country prepared carefully documented analyses refuting the report. A study of the report prepared by Mrs. A. E. Bonbrake of Forest Hills which appeared in THE TABLET of Sept. 24 was reprinted and copies were distributed among the delegates by members of the Maryland delegation.

The text of the resolution appears below.

The spirit pervading the resolutions adopted by the convention were characterized by patriotism and militant hostility to Communism, "One - Worldism" and all else that threatened to undermine and destroy Americanism.

At least four resolutions were adopted urging a stronger love of the Flag: one that legislation be adopted to permit it to fly on Independence Hall day and night; another that the pledge of allegiance to the Flag be made daily in all schools and that Legionnaires display the Flag at their homes; a third that the Flag be prominently displayed in all schools and, last, that the Legion invite all Americans to participate in a program which pledges "New Glory for Old Glory."

The convention adopted a resolution in support of the McCarran-Walter Act and in opposition to any changes.

It commended the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Congressional investigating committees. It also urged that Sept. 17 be declared Constitution Day by Congressional legislation. It called for the "proper observance" of Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Praise Loyal Teachers

The Legionnaires lauded "all of those loyal teachers who are pursuing a program of instruction in the true principles of the American way of life" and pledged to "defend them with vigor equal to that with which we oppose subversive conduct in our schools."

On the other hand, the convention went on record "as favoring the relieving from duty and responsibility of any teacher or counselor in the public schools who invokes the safeguards of the Constitution of the United States to avoid testifying before any administrative, judicial or Congressional tribunal regarding his or her loyalty . . ."

Other resolutions urged that legislation be enacted to make lawyers take the oath of allegiance before defending Communists in court, that a brief be submitted to the Supreme Court in a case before the latter body to dissolve the Communist Party in the United States, that the American Civil Liberties Union be investigated and that the fight on Communism be continued.

The Legionnaires were also urged to secure the authorization for Congress to start "a new investigation adequately financed" of "tax-free foundations, organizations or agencies which are or have been making grants or gifts to, affording financial support to, or using their funds for the support of Communism, its aims or objectives or of the Communist Party. . ."

UNESCO Resolution

Following is the text of the Legion resolution on UNESCO:

Whereas, the opposition of the American Legion to the teaching of UNESCO was clearly stated by resolution No. 33 passed by the national executive committee of the American Legion meeting in Indianapolis, Ind., April 29-30, 1953, and,

Whereas, resolution No. 322 was passed at the national convention of the American Legion at Washington, D. C., Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 1954, calling upon all American educational institutions and boards of education throughout the United States to cease and desist from the use of the educational materials of UNESCO propounding world citizenship and adherence to a nebulous world government, and furthermore that representatives of the United States to UNESCO take appropriate measures to cause UNESCO to cease and desist from dissemination of such subversive educational materials; and,

Whereas, the national executive committee meeting in October, 1954, adopted resolution No. 33 of 1954 declining membership on the United States National Commission for UNESCO; and,

Whereas, we are informed that

there is no official UNESCO program authorized to operate within the territorial limits of the United States; and,

Whereas, a documented report on the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization was prepared by the research staff of the National Americanism Commission for distribution; and,

Whereas, "certain segments of the press" and other means of communication have unduly publicized incorrectly that the American Legion has reversed its position with reference to UNESCO; and, mis-

Whereas, this interpretation was made possible by a misrepresentation by certain segments of the press and other means of communication as to the effect of the report on UNESCO made by the Special Committee on Covenant of Human Rights and United Nations dated May 5, 1955, to the national executive committee; and,

Whereas, this report was received but was not adopted; and, therefore, the American Legion's policy is now, as it has always been, in opposition to UNESCO; and,

Whereas, 12 separate resolutions from different departments of the American Legion relating to UNESCO and to the United States National Commission for UNESCO have been referred to the convention committees on Americanism and foreign relations for joint action; and, various reports and documents bearing on UNESCO have been made available to this joint committee and a hearing has been conducted by this joint committee; all of which information has been considered; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the American Legion in national convention assembled in Miami, Fla., Oct. 10-13, 1955, as follows:

1. That the American Legion reaffirms its opposition to UNESCO as set forth in resolution No. 33 adopted by the national executive committee in May, 1953, as follows:

"Resolved, that we deplore the use of material furnished by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the use in our public schools; and be it further

"Resolved, by the national executive committee of the American Legion, meeting in Indianapolis, Ind., April 29-30, May 1, 1953, that we call upon all American educational institutions and upon boards of education throughout the United States to cease and desist from the use of the educational materials of UNESCO propounding world citizenship and adherence to a nebulous world government as a criteria of education of American citizens; and be it further

"Resolved, that we call upon the representatives of the United States to UNESCO to take appropriate measures to cause UNESCO to cease and desist from dissemination of such subversive educational materials."

And that the foregoing restrictions be extended to include materials distributed by the United States National Commission for UNESCO.

2. That the American Legion will not name a delegate to the United States National Commission for UNESCO.

3. That the American Legion urges Congress to repeal the laws creating the United States National Commission for UNESCO and its secretariat; and that Congress deliver mandates to all administrative departments of the United States Government to desist from further dissemination of UNESCO and United States National Commission for UNESCO materials, reports and programs within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States.

4. That Congress be urged to make a complete current investigation of the operations of UNESCO to determine whether or not that agency has complied and is complying with the terms and conditions of resolution 215 of the House of Representatives and resolution 122 of the United States Senate, 79th Congress; said resolutions being the basis of the United States participation in UNESCO; provided further, that investigation be especially made to ascertain "explicitly whether there has been violation of the provision" of the final portion; "provided, however, that such agency shall not interfere with educational systems or programs within the several nations, or their administration."

And if, upon investigation, it be determined that UNESCO has violated any of the conditions as set forth in the resolutions, that Congress be urged to take appropriate action to enforce compliance therewith.

5. That the national headquarters of the American Legion is directed to immediately make available for distribution the documented report on UNESCO dated May 1, 1955, as prepared by the research staff of the National Americanism Commission.

Legion Praises F. B. I.

Text of Resolutions

Text of the F.B.I. resolutions follows:

"Whereas the F.B.I. under J. Edgar Hoover, has unceasingly and untiringly devoted its efforts to safeguarding of our country and the people,

"And whereas safety and welfare of the people is attributable to a great extent to efficient and effective operation of F.B.I.,

And whereas the F.B.I. remains constantly on alert and guards our country against those individuals and organizations whose aims are to destroy our constitutional form of government and to take away freedoms and rights enjoyed under American way of life,

"And whereas the F.B.I. continues to protect us against those individuals who would infiltrate and subvert departments and agencies of Federal government,

"And whereas facilities of F.B.I. are utilized for protection of the innocent as well as conviction of guilty,

"And whereas there are individuals and organizations which attempt to defame the distinguished director, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, and hinder work of F.B.I. through smear and propaganda tactics.

"Now therefore be it resolved by American Legion in national convention assembled in Miami, Fla., Oct. 10, 1955, that we commend F.B.I. and its director to American people and offer continued, wholehearted support to F.B.I. and its activities,

"Be it further resolved we vigorously defend the F.B.I. against slanderous and unjust tactics."

Following is the text of the resolution on informants:

"Resolved, by the American Legion in national convention assembled in Miami, Fla., Oct. 10 to 13, 1955 that we affirm the use of sincere patriot security informants by all investigative services who seek to expose and help destroy those forces who are attempting to undermine the security of our country."

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 10/28/55

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DIRECTOR TO SPEAK,
11/11/55, BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

Tolson ✓
 Boardman ✓
 Nichols ✓
 Belmont ✓
 Harbo ✓
 Mohr ✓
 Parsons ✓
 Rosen ✓
 Tamm ✓
 Sizoo ✓
 Winterrowd ✓
 Tele. Room ✓
 Holloman ✓
 Gandy ✓

Lee Pennington advised DeLoach, 10/27/55, that the citizens of Battle Creek, Michigan, the home town of J. Addington Wagner, new National Commander of the American Legion, plan to tender Wagner a dinner on 11/11/55, upon Wagner's return to Battle Creek. Wagner is extremely prominent in civic affairs in Battle Creek and he is highly regarded in the community.

Legion Headquarters in Washington received a call, 10/27/55, inquiring as to the possibility of the Director being the principal speaker at the dinner. Lee told the caller, who was from Battle Creek, that he did not think it would be possible but that he would check with the FBI to make certain.

DeLoach told Pennington that the Director would, of course, feel honored at the invitation, however, that his schedule was such that it would be impossible for him to accept. Lee stated he would handle the matter.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

cc - Mr. Holloman
Mr. JonesCDD:fc
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P. G. Summerfield phoned
me this P. A. declined.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

FROM : L. B. Nichols ✓

SUBJECT: ANNUAL BANQUET, 11/15/55
DEPARTMENTAL COMMANDERS
THE AMERICAN LEGION *National*
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

DATE: 11/3/55

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We have accepted an invitation from the National Commander of the American Legion for DeLoach to address the Departmental Commanders and Executive Staff of the Legion at 2:00 p.m., 11/15/55, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The National Commander and the 48 State Commanders will be in attendance.

Mr. Bill Hauck, Administrative Assistant to National Commander Wagner, called 11/3/55, to relay a message from the Commander that he would like to have DeLoach as his guest to attend the annual banquet for the Executive Staff on the night of 11/15/55, in Indianapolis. There will be no speeches. It will merely be a matter of meeting and being with the various members of the Executive Staff and the State Commanders. Hauck was advised that a check would be made and his call would be returned. DeLoach had originally planned to fly back to Washington following his speech on the afternoon of 11/15/55. I think, however, this will offer a good opportunity to meet prominent Legionnaires from every state in the union, consequently, if you have no objections, he will attend the banquet and fly back late on the night of 11/15/55, or the morning of 11/16/55.

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As indicated above.

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TO : Mr. Tolson *V. Jones*

FROM : L. B. Nichols *LBN*

SUBJECT: J. ADDINGTON WAGNER
NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION

DATE: 11/9/55

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Gandy ☒

The National Commander dropped by my office, 11/9/55, and spent an hour with DeLoach going over future commitments. He had an appointment with the Attorney General at 11:00 a.m., and had intentions of requesting the Attorney General not to give up on the denaturalization of Harry Bridges. You will recall that in June, 1955, the Circuit Court of Appeals failed to render a favorable decision regarding denaturalization of Bridges. The National Commander desired to petition the Attorney General, in the name of the American Legion, to push this matter in an attempt to possibly again a favorable decision in the future. This action came about as a result of a resolution passed by the American Legion National Convention at Miami, Florida, in October, 1955.

While in my office, Wagner confided to DeLoach that he contemplates giving a major policy speech at the Shoreham Hotel, 11/10/55, at the annual "Commanders' Dinner," of the District of Columbia American Legion. He will blast UNESCO in this speech. He outlined his intended remarks to DeLoach. The remarks were well documented and it appears that Commander Wagner has spent considerable time in the preparation of this speech.

Commander Wagner wanted to know what we might think of his intentions to switch from the Legion's attack on UNESCO and give forth with a blast on the Fund for the Republic in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he is invited to speak before the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, 11/17/55. He stated that his research staff had dug up considerable information, well documented, which he thought would go along way towards embarrassing the Fund for the Republic. He indicated that he had taken the Director's advice to heart and had made certain that all of his remarks, press releases and speeches were well documented and factual. DeLoach told the National Commander that his plans appeared to have merit and that we would look forward to hearing of his comments.

cc - Mr. Jones

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November 28, 1955

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Mr. Lee R. Pennington
Assistant Director
National Americanism Commission
The American Legion
1608 A Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Lee:

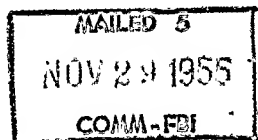
Your letter of November 21, 1955, has been received, and I want to thank you for your generous comments concerning Inspector C. D. DeLoach's address to the Department Commanders and Adjutants of The American Legion. You may be sure I appreciate your courtesy and thoughtfulness, and I know that Mr. DeLoach enjoyed this occasion very much.

Sincerely,

J. E. H.

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cc - with copy of incoming to personnel file of C. D. DeLoach.
cc - Mr. DeLoach, Room 5636, with copy of incoming.



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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION

1608 K STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

November 21, 1955

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Boardman ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Parsons ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
Mr. Winterrowd ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Mr. Holloman ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I just wanted you to know that Inspector C. D. DeLoach did an outstanding job in his address to the Department Commanders and Adjutants of The American Legion last week.

After the meeting was over, I heard many favorable remarks concerning Inspector DeLoach's presentation.

I personally feel that he is doing an excellent job in building cooperative contacts with the Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

Lee R. Pennington
LEE R. PENNINGTON,
Assistant Director

LRP:hrh

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *hps 12/1/55*

FROM : L. B. Nichols *LNK*

SUBJECT: CHARLES W. WILEY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 12/1/55

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The American Legion, approximately six months ago,

paid the captioned individual whose residence address is [redacted] Flushing, New York, a small sum of money for the purpose of indexing the Daily Worker issues beginning in 1934 to the present time. Wiley called at my office, 11/30/55, and spoke with DeLoach. He has completed the years 1934-1936 of the Daily Worker indexing project, however, he now finds that the project is much larger than originally assumed and will cost \$50,000 to complete. He had two questions. He wanted to know if the FBI would be interested in paying \$50,000 to carry on his work and if not, would the FBI be willing to take over the two months work he had already completed with the provision that outside agencies or individuals could request information from this project at any time.

Mr. Wiley stated that the American Legion had advised him of their unwillingness for him to continue the project based upon financial reasons alone. DeLoach told Mr. Wiley that while we appreciated him thinking of us, at the same time we had our own indexing procedures and, of course, proper attention had been given to any paper which parroted the Communist Party line. He was advised that our appropriations would not allow the expenditure of \$50,000 and furthermore that due to the confidential nature of our files it would be impossible for us to service outside agencies or individuals who might be interested in this project.

Mr. Wiley next asked for the names of interested individuals who might sponsor him. It was indicated that no ^{names} came to mind but that he might desire to mention this project to Karl Baarslag in Houston, Texas, or that he might desire to discuss this matter with Congressional sources. He was, of course, reminded that we were making no recommendations whatsoever and that he should realize this in the event he contacted the mentioned sources.

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cc - Mr. Belmont

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

FBI MIAMI 10-12-55 3-53 PM BM
DIRECTOR URGENT
IMMEDIATE ATTENTION L. B. NICHOLS

AMERICAN LEGION MATTERS. FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS TO BE PRESENTED
PM TODAY. FBI RESOLUTION NO. TWO ELEVEN PAREN OREGON PAREN
SUBJECT.. EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION TO FBI, ITS DIRECTOR AND
AGENTS, NO. TWO FORTYTWO PAREN WASHINGTON PAREN SUBJECT.. COMMEND
DIRECTOR OF FBI AND HIS ASSOCIATES, NO. THREE TWENTYNINE PAREN
ILLINOIS PAREN SUBJECT.. COMMEND FBI AND ITS DIRECTOR AND NO. FIVE
SIXTY PAREN MARYLAND PAREN SUBJECT.. COMMEND FBI AND DEFEND IT
AGAINST SLANDEROUS ATTACKS, WERE CONSOLIDATED USING THE REGISTER
NO. TWO ELEVEN AND THE TEXT OF NO. FIVE SIXTY, RESOLVING CLAUSES
READING AS FOLLOWS.. RESOLVED, THAT THE AMERICAN LEGION IN NATIONAL
CONVENTION ASSEMBLED IN MIAMI, FLORIDA OCTOBER TEN TO THIRTEEN,
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FOR ITS GREAT SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND OFFER CONTINUED
WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT TO THE FBI AND ITS ACTIVITIES AND BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED THAT WE VIGOROUSLY DEFEND THE FBI AGAINST SLANDEROUS AND
UNJUSTIFIED ATTACKS. RESOLUTION NO. ONE FIFTYEIGHT PAREN DISTRICT

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IN ITS WORK AND LEADERSHIP, AND NO. TWO EIGHTYTWO PAREN ALABAMA
PAREN SUBJECT.. EXPRESS CONFIDENCE IN FBI AND APPRECIATION TO ITS
DIRECTOR AND HIS ASSISTANTS, WERE CONSOLIDATED AND REWRITTEN USING
REGISTER NO. ONE FIFTYEIGHT, RESOLVING CLAUSE READING AS FOLLOWS..
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WE AFFIRM THE USE OF SINCERE PATRIOTIC SECURITY INFORMANTS BY ALL
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FROM: National Public Relations Division, TH
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FOR RELEASE ON DELIVERY

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The American Legion ^{National} today endorsed the use of "sincere" patriotic security informants" by government investigating agencies and pledged itself to "vigorously defend" the federal bureau of investigation against "slanderous and unjust" attacks.

Delegates to the Legion's 27th annual National Convention here also commended the FBI for its "great service to the American people" and offered the Legion's "continued wholehearted support" to the FBI and its activities.

The action was taken in the form of two resolutions carried in a report to the convention by the Legion's Americanism Commission.

The resolutions were submitted by the Maryland and District of Columbia Departments of The American Legion consolidating other similar resolutions from Washington, Illinois, Oregon and Alabama.

The resolution endorsing informants in investigating agencies cited a "recognized and concerted" campaign by the Communist party, other subversive and psuedo-liberal elements against confidential security informants.

It said "the best way" to expose subversives and provide a "definite detriment" to their activities is by having patriotic individuals in their midst.

The second resolution noted the "distinguished" leadership of J. Edgar Hoover and praised the FBI's "unceasingly and tirelessly devoted efforts" to safeguard America.

It said individual and organized "smear and propaganda" tactics are being made to defame the agency and Mr. Hoover.

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: December 9,
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FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: "DAILY WORKER"

"THE WORKER" (WEEKEND EDITION OF THE "DAILY WORKER")
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Reference is made to the letter from Representative Francis E. Walter directed to Mr. Nichols dated December 6, 1955, furnishing a memorandum dated December 5, 1955, prepared by Thomas W. Beale, Sr., Chief Clerk of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The memorandum prepared by Mr. Beale reflects that a Mr. Charles M. Wiley was given \$6,000 by the American Legion to help finance a project of indexing the "Daily Worker." After working on the project for fourteen months Wiley had completed indexing the "Daily Worker" for the years 1934, 1935 and through June, 1936. The American Legion is financially unable to continue the project and Mr. Wiley has appealed to the House Committee on Un-American Activities to ascertain if this committee would be interested in financing the project to its conclusion.

Representative Walter feels that such an index of the "Daily Worker" may be useful to committee work but does not feel it would be worth the cost which he estimates would require the services of two persons and six stenographers over a period of from nine to twelve months. Representative Walter inquired whether the Bureau would be interested in having the project which had been started by Mr. Wiley completed.

OBSERVATIONS:

The "Daily Worker" has been published since January 13, 1924. It is not clear from Representative Walter's letter whether the indexing would run only from 1934 to the present date or envisions going back to the inception of the publication in 1924. The Bureau has on microfilm all past issues of the "Daily Worker" from 1924 to November, 1954. Our publications files contain most of the issues of the "Daily Worker" since 1924. The issues that are missing are identified in serial 97-401-455. These missing issues are recorded on the microfilm. Since the early 1940's the Bureau has followed the practice of clipping all pertinent articles appearing in the "Daily Worker" and placing these clippings in cc - Mr. Nichols
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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

the appropriate case files. In 1942 the New York Office started indexing the "Daily Worker" on a selective basis and continued this until 1945, doing so more fully as time progressed. In 1945 the New York Office started clipping the "Daily Worker" and continued indexing on a selective basis.

The Bureau has never felt that a complete indexing of the "Daily Worker" was necessary but has indexed and clipped the "Daily Worker" for approximately the past fifteen years on a selective basis. From our standpoint, therefore, we do not feel that such a project would be worth the cost if the Bureau was expected to finance it.

ACTION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be routed to Mr. Nichols for his use in discussing the Bureau's position with Representative Walter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-14646)
 Att: Asst. to Dir. L. B. NICHOLS
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-121572)
 SUBJECT: EDWARD OLIVER LAMB
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 OO: Cleveland

DATE: 11/16/55

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 Information Concerning". Remyairtel to Bureau, 10/6/55.

On 11/15/55 Mr. CHARLES WILEY telephonically recontacted the NYO and stated that the project of ~~indexing~~ the "Daily Worker" which he had undertaken under the auspices of the Americanism Commission of the American Legion, was ~~NATIONAL~~ being terminated in approximately two months' time. WILEY stated that this project was deemed prohibitively expensive by the financing foundation and, consequently, he was desirous of locating some agency, private or public, which might be interested in completing this project. WILEY reiterated that this project was originally devised for the purpose of aiding various investigative agencies, subcommittees, etc., by being a readily accessible reference on all matters of printable interest to the "Daily Worker" and, consequently, the CP.

WILEY was advised that should his unfinished project be turned over to the FBI it would become a part of the Bureau's files and therefore would not be able to be utilized as a reference source available to other interested agencies as had been intended by the foundation. WILEY was also advised that since this project had apparently been discussed at its inception by his chief, LEE PENNINGTON, with various officials of agencies and committees in Washington, including Mr. NICHOLS (relet), arrangements for disposal of this project might, more properly, be made in the same fashion. WILEY stated that he planned to be in Washington within the next two weeks and would discuss this matter with PENNINGTON.

Regarding information WILEY was to furnish this office re captioned subject, WILEY advised that he has not as yet completed his indexing of names from the 1934-36 "Daily Workers" and that as soon as such is completed he will advise this office.

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Honorable Francis E. Walter
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of December 6, 1955, transmitting Mr. Beale's memorandum pertaining to the project of indexing the Daily Worker.

We have indexed and clipped the Daily Worker on a select basis for many years, but we do not feel that the Bureau would be justified in undertaking the expense of indexing the Daily Worker. Nevertheless, we did appreciate your calling this to our attention.

Mr. Beale's memorandum is being returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

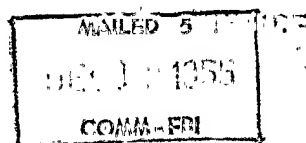
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Congress of the United States
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Washington, D. C.

December 6, 1955

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COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN MIGRATION

Mr. Louis B. Nichols (PERSONAL)
Assistant to the Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

American Legion - NAFL

Dear Mr. Nichols:

(returned)

The enclosed memorandum concerning the activities of one Charles W. Wiley is self-explanatory. I refer it to you for consideration in the event your agency would be interested in having the projects started by Mr. Wiley completed.

Sincerely yours,

Francis E. Walter

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December 14, 1955

Mr. Lou Brissie
Commissioner
American Legion Junior Baseball
National Headquarters
The American Legion
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

Dear Mr. Brissie:

Inspector C. D. DeLoach has referred your letter of December 8, 1955, to me, and as you requested, it is a pleasure to forward under separate cover two hundred copies of the article you mentioned. I am also forwarding under separate cover several other articles on juvenile delinquency which you may find of interest and assistance.

Sincerely yours,

W. Edgar Hoover

COMM - FBI

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cc - Inspector C. D. DeLoach, with copy of incoming Room 5636

NOTE: Bufiles reflect cordial relations with Mr. Brissie, a former professional baseball star with the Cleveland Indians.

cc - M. A. Jones

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200 copies of Syracuse Law Review on Juvenile Delinquency
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700 NORTH PENNSYLVANIA ST.—P. O. BOX 1055

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December 8, 1955

IN REPLY REFER 65122-65
TO DATE AND NO.

Mr. C. D. DeLoach
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
9th and Pennsylvania
Washington, D. C.

Dear "Deke:"

I have been meaning to write you for some time and express my appreciation of the fine certificate presented to me by your Post. It was indeed a pleasure for me to visit with you, and you may be assured that this certificate will have a place of honor among my possessions.

In January we plan to hold our area conferences for the state chairmen and at that time I would like to present these chairmen with several pamphlets which would contain valuable information in regard to the purposes of our program.

In the information you forwarded to me there was an article by the Director on Juvenile Delinquency which was reprinted with the permission of the Syracuse Law Review in 1953. I would appreciate it if you could have approximately 200 of these forwarded to me for distribution to these chairmen along with any other reports or articles you may have concerning the youth.

Many thanks for any cooperation you can give me in this matter and I trust I will see you again in the very near future.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

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American Legion Junior Baseball

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MR. TOLSON:

C.D. DeLoach

The National Commander of the American Legion, J. Addington Wagner, by the attached letter of 12/22/55, has designated Mr. DeLoach to serve as a member of the National Distinguished Guests Committee of the American Legion. This Committee picks the speakers and guests to appear at the annual Legion convention which consists of between 40 and 50 members.

It is practically unheard of for an individual member of the Legion to be appointed to two National Committees in one year although Mr. DeLoach has previously been appointed as Vice Chairman of the Subversive Activities Committee of the Legion.

I think that this reflects very favorably upon the caliber of Mr. DeLoach's liaison with the Legion.

Respectfully,

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Let us examine MILLER'S record: According to The American Legion files, ARTHUR MILLER has been affiliated with numerous organizations and publications which are cited as subversive and Communist by the United States Attorney General and the House Committee On Un-American Activities. He has supported the Win-The-Peace Conference, World Peace Congress, American Youth For Democracy, People's Institute of Applied Religion, Inc., Progressive Citizens of America and Stage For Action. (See HUAC, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference For World Peace, 1949, pages 9, 11, 22, 32, 33 and 34).

MILLER has been affiliated with the Voice of Freedom Committee, World Federation of Democratic Youth and was listed as a supporter of Communist Bookshops in 1949. A Sponsor of the Scientific and Cultural Conference For World Peace that same year, he was affiliated with the Communist magazine Masses & Mainstream. He also sponsored the National Committee To Repeal The Mundt Bill, American Youth Congress, Book Find Club, International Workers Order, and was a 1948 Contributor to Jewish Life, a Communist publication. (See HUAC, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference For World Peace, 1949, pages 35, 36, 55, and 59; HUAC, Report On The National Committee To Defeat The Mundt Bill, 1950, page 11; HUAC, Appendix IX, 1944, page 538; and "Red Channels", 1950, page 111).



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"CHRISTMAS AMNESTY PETITION" FOR IMPRISONED COMMUNISTS

A report of another amnesty petition for imprisoned Communist Party leaders convicted under the Smith Act made front-page headlines in the December 21, 1955 issue of the Daily Worker. Conceived by REV. A. J. MUSTE, Secretary-Emeritus of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, this new so-called "Christmas amnesty petition" was signed by 45 other Americans and sent to President Eisenhower on December 19, 1955.

The petition urged "that the sentences of the sixteen men and women now in prison be commuted to time already served, and that 180 cases described as now awaiting trial or outcome of appeals be postponed." Asserting that the convictions had occurred in a "cold war" period, the petition contended that "there had been a recent 'noticeable trend to reaffirm the basic democratic traditions of our country'." According to The New York Times of December 21, 1955, page 20, those 16 Communist Party functionaries now serving prison sentences in federal penitentiaries were identified as follows:

ALEXANDER BITTELMAN, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, BETTY GANNETT, GUS HALL, VICTOR J. JEROME, ARNOLD S. JOHNSON, ALBERT F. LANNON, JACOB MINDEL, PETTIS PERRY, ROBERT THOMPSON, LOUIS WEINSTOCK, WILLIAM W. WEINSTONE, PHILIP FRANKFELD, GEORGE MEYERS, SID STEIN and CARL ROSS.

MUSTE, who is currently involved in criminal proceedings for refusing to take shelter during a civil defense air raid drill in New York City on June 15, 1955, has admitted that he wrote letters on November 22, 1955 that led to the formation of an "initiating group" which subsequently forwarded the petition to the President. According to The Tablet of December 24, 1955, page 40, the following individuals were listed as signers of this "Christmas amnesty petition":

ROWLAND H. BAINTON, Yale Divinity School.

JOHN C. BENNETT, Dean of Union Theological Seminary (petition initiator).

GUSTAVE J. BISCHOF, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, City College.

STEPHEN G. CARY, Secretary, American Section, American Friends Service Committee.

HENRY STEELE COMMAGER, Professor of History, Columbia University.

ALBERT SPRAGUE COOLIDGE, Lecturer on Chemistry, Harvard University.

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HENRY H. CRANE, Minister, Central Methodist Church, Detroit.

W. J. FAULKNER, Pastor, Congregational Church of Park Manor, Chicago, Illinois.

ROY FINCH, Faculty, Sarah Lawrence College (petition initiator).

CHARLES F. FORMAN, Faculty, Yale University.

RICHARD B. GREGG, Author, Jamaica, Vermont.

ROBERT H. HAMILL, Minister, Ottawa Street Methodist Church, Joliet, Illinois.

GEORGIA HARKNESS, Professor of Applied Theology, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California.

REV. DONALD HARRINGTON, Community Church, New York City (petition initiator).

ALFRED HASSLER, Editor of Fellowship, New York.

REV. JOHN M. KRUMM, Chaplain, Columbia University.

KENT LARRABEE, Secretary, New York Region, Fellowship of Reconciliation.

CHARLES R. LAWRENCE, Faculty, Brooklyn College (petition initiator).

PAUL LEHMANN, Professor of Applied Christianity, Princeton Theological Seminary.

SID LENS, Manager of an AFL-CIO Union in Chicago.

HENRY LOFQUIST, Secretary, South Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, Bessemer, Alabama.

PAUL G. MACY, Regional Secretary, Fellowship of Reconciliation.

ALLEN O. MILLER, Professor of Theology, Eden Seminary, Webster Groves, Missouri.

PAUL S. MINEAR, Faculty, Andover-Newton Theological School, Newton Center, Massachusetts.

WALTER MITCHELL, Retired Bishop of Arizona, Rancho Santa Fe, California.

LEWIS MUMFORD, Author (petition initiator).

A. J. MUSTE, Secretary-Emeritus, Fellowship of Reconciliation (petition initiator).

JEROME NATHANSON, Leader, Society for Ethical Culture, New York.

HAZEL L. PERKINSON, Director, Community Service, Broadway Congregational Church, New York.

JOHN HENRY RANDALL, JR., Woodbridge Professor of Philosophy, Columbia University.

ELMER RICE, Playwright, New York.

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Let us examine MILLER'S record: According to The American Legion files, ARTHUR MILLER has been affiliated with numerous organizations and publications which are cited as subversive and Communist by the United States Attorney General and the House Committee On Un-American Activities. He has supported the Win-The Peace Conference, World Peace Congress, American Youth For Democracy, People's Institute of Applied Religion, Inc., Progressive Citizens of America and Stage For Action. (See HUAC, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference For World Peace, 1949, pages 9, 11, 22, 32, 33 and 34).

MILLER has been affiliated with the Voice of Freedom Committee, World Federation of Democratic Youth and was listed as a supporter of Communist Bookshops in 1949. A Sponsor of the Scientific and Cultural Conference For World Peace that same year, he was affiliated with the Communist magazine Masses & Mainstream. He also sponsored the National Committee To Repeal The Mundt Bill, American Youth Congress, Book Find Club, International Workers Order, and was a 1948 Contributor to Jewish Life, a Communist publication. (See HUAC, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference For World Peace, 1949, pages 35, 36, 55, and 59; HUAC, Report On The National Committee To Defeat The Mundt Bill, 1950, page 11; HUAC, Appendix IX, 1944, page 538; and "Red Channels", 1950, page 111).

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *V*

DATE: 1/11/56

FROM : L. B. Nichols *lb*

SUBJECT: C. A. "BUD" TESCH *F/a W. Va. DC - T-1*
 DIRECTOR OF AMERICANISM COMMISSION
 THE AMERICAN LEGION *- Indianapolis*

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The United Press ticker of 1/11/56, carried a story that captioned individual has been appointed to Lee Pennington's old position as Director of the Americanism Commission, the American Legion. The Director inquired "What do we know of Tesch?"

Files contain no derogatory information. Tesch is approximately 57 years of age. He has been most cooperative and in fact has leaned quite heavily upon us for guidance. At the close of the Miami Convention in 1955, he called by DeLoach's hotel to personally express appreciation for FBI cooperation. Tesch's eligibility for the Legion came about as a result of World War I experience. Before joining the Legion's Headquarters Staff he was a schoolteacher and Superintendent of Schools in West Virginia. He is a former State Adjutant of the Legion in that state. His experience in the Legion has ^{been} mostly in youth project programs. He has very little experience in the Legion's Americanism work.

59 Lee Pennington was requested to resign the position of Director of the Americanism Commission because he refused to move to Legion Headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana, from Washington, D. C. He additionally experienced considerable difficulties with Henry Dudley, the National Adjutant. At Lee's resignation in 1955, Tesch was appointed Acting Director. He was not given the title of Director at that time due to suffering a severe heart attack in Washington, D. C. in October of 1954. Seaborn Collins, the National Commander at the time, and Dudley, the National Adjutant, desired to hold back the appointment until the condition of Tesch's health was determined.

ACTION:

It is anticipated that relations with Tesch will continue to be most cordial.

cc - Mr. Jones

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(LEGION)
 INDIANAPOLIS--C. A. TESCH, SALEM, W.VA., IS NEW AMERICANISM
 DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, NATIONAL COMMANDER J. ADDINGTON
 WAGNER ANNOUNCED.
 TESCH HAS SERVED AS ACTING DIRECTOR SINCE LEE PENNINGTON RESIGNED
 LAST MAY TO DEVOTE FULL TIME TO COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE PROGRAMS OF THE
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Director, FBI (100-14646)EX-113
EDWARD OLIVER LAMB
SECURITY MATTER - CReurlet September 22, 1955, in case captioned
"Edward Lamb, Information Concerning," New York file
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You are advised that the subject of your letter is undoubtedly identical with the Toledo, Ohio, attorney who has been for more than a year the subject of an intensive investigation and public hearing by the Federal Communications Commission at Washington, D. C.

An Agent experienced in security matters should be instructed to call upon Mr. Charles Wiley, after a review of the Security Matter - C file at New York on Lamb, to determine the information he has located which is pertinent to Lamb. This should be promptly analyzed and directed to the Bureau within 10 days of the receipt of this letter.

You should explain to Wiley that the FBI has no connection whatsoever with the FCC inquiry about Lamb and that any information furnished by him will be directed to the Department for its review and transmittal to the FCC if deemed of interest to it.

cc - Cleveland (100-8661)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Lamb's renewal of a license for his Erie, Pennsylvania, television station is still at issue before the FCC. In August, 1955, Commission attorneys filed a brief with the Commission Examiner rehashing charges made against Lamb during the months' long hearing in the 1930's and early 1940's he was "connected with" Communist Party fronts, "associated with" the Communist Party, and wrote urging a Security type for the U. S.

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NOTE ON YELLOW: con'#.

Wiley is engaged in making an index of all names appearing in the "Daily Worker" for the American Legion during the 1930's. He phoned the New York Office indicating that he had found considerable information about Lamb in this work and offered to make it available.

Some of this material has undoubtedly been brought out in the FCC hearing. It cannot be determined what other information may be available and this should be obtained for the Bureau's security case on Lamb and referral to the Department.